

THE VILLAGES PARROTHEAD CLUB (TVPHC)
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At Mid Year, 2020, as I complete my first full year as President of The Villages Parrot Heads Club, I am happy to report that 1132 members either renewed their membership or joined our club and contributed more than \$17,039 in cash, and/or in-kind donations. Equally important is that our members also stepped up and donated more than 4421 volunteer hours to support our club's charitable and environmental activities.

The following is a brief synopsis of some (but not all) of the Village Parrot Heads Club's charitable events:

- In January, we held a Country Western Hoedown, and with the help of our Corporate sponsor, Parady Financial, we were able to raise and donate \$4000 to Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers) which helped to feed homeless veterans and their families.
- In February, for the 8th year in a row, we won the People's Choice award at the Rotary Club's Chili Cook-Off where we raised over \$2000 for charity. We also donated \$3000 to Shepherds Lighthouse which is an organization that helps people navigate homeless single mothers through life's storms by rescuing, empowering, and renewing their lives. We had our first of usually four annual blood drives in February where we collected 276 pints of blood or 34.5 gallons.
- In March, due to the coronavirus shut downs, we raised over \$4500 with a drive-by/mail-in donation fund to help out of work servers and bartenders at the locations that we frequent. The club also added funds to make a total of \$5000.
- In April, we held a golf cart rally for "Mary's fund". Mary is a single mother with 6 children and the manager of a local establishment that we frequent. Her home burnt down and she lost everything. We had over 40 golf carts with donations of food, household items, clothing, and cash to help her. We did not tally how much we gave, but we did it out of love and caring.
- Our ongoing Food Drive which benefits the Lady Lake and Lake Panasofkee Food Banks accounted for over \$750 worth of food items donated by our members.
- As we were unable to have our next blood drive in May, our members stepped up and had the OneBlood bus come to their home for blood donations. Three of these tallied over 90 pints of blood or approximately 12 gallons.

Unfortunately, restrictions from the Corona Virus had us cancel our usually highly successful Poker Run/Basket Raffle in March, where we usually raise over \$15,000 for charity, and a few other fundraisers. But, if the situation improves, we will revisit this in the fall. Our numbers may be down a bit from previous years, due to the pandemic, but our members enthusiasm is still very high. We look forward to our future with optimism.

As you can see, the Villages Parrot Heads Club is a very active club and reaches out to support a broad cross section of our community. That pleases and humbles me greatly as President of such an outstanding organization.

In conclusion, The Villages Parrothead Club recognizes that our members have been blessed to be able to do so much to help others who are less fortunate than we are and I continue to be gratified and humbled, by what our wonderful members do in the name of the Villages Parrot Heads Club. We look forward to the end of this worldwide pandemic, so we can once again, go back to "Partying with a Purpose" while staying safe.

Respectfully submitted,

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