

Parrot Talk

November 2020 Edition

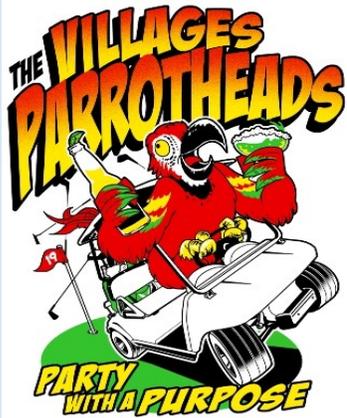


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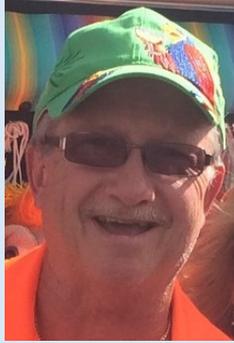
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President's Corner

I want to thank everyone who helped out for our large basket raffle last month as we raised much money for our charities. Thanks to everyone who donated items, and a special thank you to the gang of SOSB who donated more than \$800 worth of Goodies. Once again, a team drink to all.

My favorite holiday, Halloween is over and we really missed our annual Halloween party. Unfortunately, we also had to cancel our formal Christmas Party and New Years Eve parties due to indoor venue limitations.

But now for the good news. Regular phlockings are still not a GO yet, but we are taking some baby steps towards get togethers, outdoors, while doing our best to stay safe.

This month we will have a fundraiser at Havana CC on Monday November 9th and Friday the 13th for Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry, Our Veteran's Day Blood Drive is Wednesday November 11th at the Polo Grounds, and we are having a Thanksgiving get together on Tuesday, November 24th at Cody's Brownwood. More details are in this newsletter so read on Parrot Heads.

Next month we will be having a Chitty Chatty golf cart tailgate on Wednesday, December 2nd, and we are working on an informal Christmas Outside get together on Thursday, December, 17th at Belle Glade CC in the breezeway. Watch your emails, and Facebook for more details to be coming soon.

Please remember, that all of this is subject to change due to conditions changing, but we are hoping for the best. Like I said "Baby Steps" !!!

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2021. It is easy to do and online so you can do it from you home computer, cell phone, or tablet. Your executive Committee is working hard to have some great events in 2021, as we start getting "back to normal" or as normal as conditions allow, and you won't want to miss all the phun.

Hope to see you all soon – and remember – Keep your Phins Up  !!!!

Website: villagesparrotheads.com

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



Club Events

Havana Country Club

The owner of the Havana Country Club, David Suelemann, has graciously volunteered to give us 20% of the profit from food orders



all day long on **Monday, November 9th**. There will be two music sessions. Lunch with Don Middlebrook will be our first session of the day. Don Middlebrook who is one of our phavorites and will be playing from 1 to 4 PM. Don is a nationally recognized Trop Rock musician and he will be playing our favorites. **Reservations are recommended.** The



second session is Dinner with Danny B who is one of our regular performers and will be playing from 5 to 8 PM. He will be playing his guitar and banjo and calling out team drinks (Ziggy, Zaggy, Ziggy, Zaggy, Oi, Oi, Oi!) It's also Lobster Night at Havana. Yes! Lobster is

the dinner special. **Reservations are highly recommended.** There will be a 50/50 at both the Lunch and Dinner sessions and all proceeds (20%) will go to the Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Get Together

By Mark the Shark
This year, we want to give thanks for all that we have to be so grateful for. Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26th. Anyone who feels safe enough, who would like to **get together at Cody's Brownwood, on the outside patio, are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 24th, from 4pm-8pm**. Our phriends, "Rocky and Michelle" will be playing our phavorite tunes and of course, there is always great phood and drinks at Cody's. 2-4-1 Happy Hour is from 2pm-7pm, and I believe that Tuesday is Burrito night. Cody's has done a great job with precautions. I have been there numerous times and feel safe. So if you are up to it, please join us.

November Food Drive

by Marsha Herring

Donations for Lake Panasoffkee food pantry If you would like to donate to the families who are dependent on Lake Pan food pantry, **please bring your donations to the Street-rod Store at 11962 County Road 101, Suite 101 on Friday, November 13th from 9AM to 3PM.**

Wish List for Lake Pan food pantry:

- Shampoo
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxed Rice Side Dishes
- Body Wash
- Salt & Pepper
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Deodorant
- Small packets of sugar
- Pasta & Sauce
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Meals (Beef Stew)
- Fruit Packs (Snack packs)
- Laundry Detergent
- Tuna or Hamburger Helper
- Cereal
- Dish Washing Soap
- Canned Meats
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Crackers



Cash or Checks (made out to Villages Parrot Heads) are also accepted. Thanks in advance to all the generous members who ALWAYS answer the call for help and to Brant Bell and the folks at Street Rods for providing a venue for collections.



Chitty Chatty Bridge Drive

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd was supposed to be our 1st phlocking in December. Well, with everything going on, we still can't do that. We all want to get together and have some fun so we're planning to drive our golf carts over the new Chitty Chatty Bridge and then have a safely distanced tail gate party. We will meet on December 2nd at 2:30 PM in the Rohan Rec Center parking lot closest to the bridge. At 3 PM sharp, we will depart for our short journey through the Village of Chitty Chatty and then the Village of Bradford (second entrance) and then return to the parking lot of the Soaring Eagle softball complex for a tailgate party until we get thrown out. Bring your chairs, refreshments, etc. and let's hope this goes without a hitch. Thanks to Mike Fitzgerald for the great idea.

Christmas Get Together

Our formal Christmas party at Wildwood Community center has been cancelled due to occupancy limitations but we still want to get together to celebrate the holidays.

On Thursday, December 17th, 2020, we will be having an informal Parrot Head holiday get together on the breezeway at Belle Glade CC from 5pm-8pm. There will be a limited menu from which to order an entree and appetizers and as usual, you must order refreshments from Belle Glade. No outside food or drink permitted. One of our favorite bands will be playing – Retro Express. Yes, Mitch & Diane will be playing your favorite tunes for us.

Tickets will be \$10 each and you must be a club member or significant other to attend. (2 tickets per household) Tickets will be available through our website and online ticket purchasing system. I will put out an email when tickets will become available. Any proceeds from this will be donated to Operation Shoebox.

Please note: This is not like a rec center where we have table and seating layouts so there will be NO table seating assignments and no saving seats allowed. If you want to sit with your friends, you will have to come with your friends.

So come celebrate the holiday season with your Parrot Head club.

Quarterly Letter to PPIP by Mark the Shark

Even during the pandemic with everything shut down, the Villages Parrot Heads Club was hard at work for charity as usual, and I am very proud of our members.

We had a drop off baby supplies day for project SOS which helps families living in the Ocala forest. Our members donated over \$4,000 in diapers, wipes, bottles, baby food, mac-n-cheese, strollers, etc and cash to help those with young children in need. A few weeks later we had a driveway gift card drive-by party with one of our favorite bands playing - "Retro Express". We raised \$2000 in gift cards and cash donations to buy perishable foods for families in the Ocala Forest.

On September 11th, we had an outdoor blood drive and had 205 donors. We collected 207 pints of blood, or 25.8 gallons on this day which brings our annual totals for 2020 to 565 donors, 561 pints collected, or 69.85 gallons of blood donated. We also had 344 volunteer hours from our members for the YTD drives.

Our big charitable event was our Blind Basket raffle. In March, we usually have a Golf cart Poker Run/Basket raffle. This year we had donations of 154 basket made, and had to store them due to Covid. We decided to have an on-line BLIND basket raffle in September and raised over \$7,000 for our charities. We still have our large basket raffle going on and I will report on that next quarter.

All in all, we may not be meeting as much as we used to, or almost not at all, but as you can see, our club is still out helping others, hoping to leave the world a little better than we found it, and we are fortunate to have the time to do so. A Team Drink to all !!

Keep your Phins Up  !

Mark "the Shark" Woodland
President
The Villages Parrot Heads Club



Membership

2021 Membership

ALL members can renew their club dues now. These dues will be good through December 31st , 2021, and we are keeping renewal cost the same at \$20 each.

The dues not only cover entertainment costs (whenever the club is able to resume monthly functions), but all costs associated with the club operating expenses such as storage bins, postage, office supplies, mailchimp, and much more.

All renewals must be done online through our website and online payment system. We have a new online system, and we will not be accepting checks or cash. Please note – we are asking for your Village-ID number now. If you do not live in the villages, please use your first name and street address number as your village-id. (Example shark1035). We will need to be a bit more restrictive on who can attend phlockings and functions due to the pandemic, so it is imperative that you renew your membership as soon as you can. Let’s aim to keep us the largest Parrot Head Club in the world. Please renew as soon as you can to keep us going. There are easy to follow instructions on how to renew at the web site.

Keep your Phins Up Parrot Heads  !!

2020 Parrot Head Elections

There were no members placing their names in nomination for the election of Officers for 2021. We are fortunate that the following people have agreed to remain in their positions for another term. Mark the Shark Woodland will remain our President, Barb Beil will continue as Treasurer, Johnny Ward will continue to handle Membership and Marsha Herring will continue to manage our Giving Program as our Community Relations Trustee.

All Persons Attending TVPHC events do so at their own risk. TVPHC Organization, it’s members and Executive Committee are not responsible for: Accidents, Injuries or Illness.

Untangling The Web by Mark Goldberg

Welcome to Untangling the Web. This space is dedicated to telling you about everything available on your Website and On-Line Purchasing Applications.

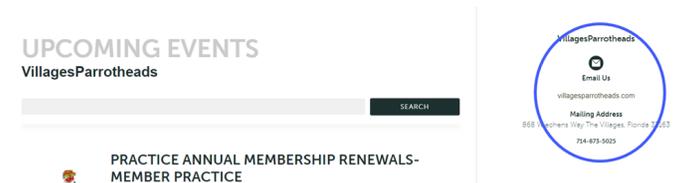
This month, it’s all about the basics. Probably the most important thing to know is that ANYTIME you need to know: *How to do something, Where to find something, Tell us something isn’t working or just want to pass along suggestions or thoughts* it’s easy.

FOR WEBSITE ISSUES: *On the Website*, E-Mail me at: mgoldberg1135@gmail.com. Can’t remember that? No problem! Go to your website (villagesparrotheads.com)

& click the  page. There may already be a document that solves your problem. If not, click  icon. That will send an email directly to me.

FOR TICKET PURCHASING ISSUES: *If you are in the On-Line Purchasing System*, it’s easy as well. For the **On-Line Purchasing System**, follow the instructions here. On the opening page (this is the page that shows all upcoming events). Just click the icon and your question will be sent directly to me.

Here is where to find it on the opening page of the On-Line Purchasing system.



Well, that’s enough for this month. Next month, we’ll start going over some of the cool things you can find on the website. In the meantime, and I can’t say this often enough, PLEASE email me with any questions or concerns. There is very little we can’t resolve.





Charity

Club Charities

Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry by Steve Larson



Several years ago a Parrot Head came to the Executive Committee asking the Club to consider a donation to the Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry which is run by the Lake Panasoffkee Methodist Church. The Lake Pan Pantry was running out of food and personal care products. This was right after Hurricane Irma came through Central Florida. Lake Panasoffkee was hit hard. Many of the people in the community were living in tents. The Club made a contribution and has continued to support this charity over the years. The Lake Pan Food Pantry doesn't receive much support from the Villages because it is over 20 miles away and that makes a big difference. I spoke to Kathy Carlington who is the Director of the Food Pantry and asked her what has changed because of the Pandemic. She told me that they have had to implement a drive through operation because of the virus. The number of people/families who need help is increasing. They serve between 180 and 200 families each week. Food comes in from the USDA, local grocery stores and Publix. They need additional food but they have enough volunteers, many of whom have received help in the past. They appreciate the help that the Club has given over the years.

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

Corporate Sponsors

Village Streetrod Golf Cars



Village Streetrod Golf Cars has been a corporate sponsor since 2017 when they provided prizes for the holes in one contests at the Club's annual golf outing. Their participation has grown over the years and this year they had planned to be a major sponsor of the event. As we all know too well, the golf outing has been cancelled. Brant Bell who is the manager of the store assured me that they are anxious to participate in our next outing and are looking for ways to help the Club's Giving Program. One of the first things you will notice if you walk into Streetrod is familiar faces. Most of the employees are Parrot Heads.

November 11th Blood Drive

November 11th is Club's third Battle of the Branches. Army has won the last two years. This year the Drive will be held at the Polo Field (703 North Buena Vista Blvd) from 8 AM to 4 PM. All blood donors will receive a limited edition Veterans Day T-shirt, a \$10 eGift Card and a COVID-19 antibody test and cholesterol screening. OneBlood has established strict rules to keep the people who donate safe. Everyone wears masks, only a limited number of people are allowed on the bus and all surfaces are cleaned after each donation. Members should contact Skip Todd at (352) 561 4923 or at skip0358@gmail.com

Message from Bart Mason, our newly elected President of our parent organization, the Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP)

It is my honor to make my first official post as your duly elected PHiP president! As I write this, both the regular & special elections are in the “rear view mirror” & we are looking forward (through the windshield) towards an exciting future.

I want to thank each & every club who cast a vote. Whether or not that vote was cast for me or for someone else – thank you for your participation! Record voting turnout was recorded in both the regular (158 out of 207) and special (143 out of 207 clubs) elections. PHiP has never seen more votes cast in a single election – kudos to all of you for making your voices heard!

Speaking of making your voices heard, it will be more important than ever that you continue to do just that. As I have said since announcing my candidacy, the future journey is all about you; it's not about me (or the national board of directors). It's all about building & supporting the wonderful network of local affiliate clubs. It's all about building a vibrant future. And we need you (now more than ever) to stay engaged & involved.

In the coming weeks & months, we will be reaching out to all of you with invitations to contribute your time, talents & ideas by serving on some new committees. And, we need to continue to hear your voices – our future as an organization depends on it!

And, speaking of “rear view mirrors” I am pleased to say that my first official board meeting as PHiP president is behind me (held this past Sunday)! I want to thank all of the current PHiP board members for their candidness, their honesty & their candor in our first meeting together. I look forward to working with them as we move the organization forward. And as we welcome three new board members into the fold, I pledge today to facilitate “togetherness” through my leadership. Togetherness doesn't mean we will always agree & sing “Kum Bah Yah” around the campfire, but we will always treat each other with respect & dignity. It is possible to disagree & debate on substance & still be civil to one another. We should expect nothing less.

As it always does, change creates both anxiety & excitement. However, if you want to grow, evolve & discover new horizons, change is inevitable. In fact, change is the only constant in life. While PHiP may have been a bit bruised & battered by the “storm” we have weathered, we'll heal & come out stronger!

Thanks for the opportunity you have granted me to lead this great organization. I'll try not to let you down! Please be ready to step up (i.e. serve on a committee, contribute ideas, etc.) & stay engaged! Stay. Very. Very. Engaged!

Bart Mason,
President
Isle of Iowa PHC



Member Profile



Terri Ainsley Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Terri Ainsley. Terri lives in the Village of Tamarind Grove with her wonderful husband Rob and her very cute, smart Maltese, Chaz McGee. It was the southernmost end of The Villages when they bought their little piece of paradise, known as The Last Resort, nine years ago.

Terri was born in West Philadelphia and later her family moved to a small Philly suburb. After high school Terri worked at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard where she met her soulmate Rob. They have three children; Robert, Allison and Brett. After the shipyard closed they relocated to Norfolk, VA area where they continued to work and raise their kids. Terri and Rob have four granddaughters; Larson 4, Sophia 3, Merritt 2 and Victoria 1, and they just found out they will be grandparents again in March. It's a BOY!

Terri likes to read, golf, and enjoys estate sales, art projects, and gardening. She is a member of several clubs including the Philadelphia, South Jersey, Claddaugh, Saturday Night Dance, TropRock Ukulele Society and Terri's favorite the Kazoo Club.

Terri became a member of the Parrot Head Club six years ago. A friend asked her if she wanted to go over to Mallory to check out a Phlocking. She recalls the first two Parrot Heads she met as they made her feel welcome, Will Stone and Carolyn Barger. What a fun afternoon! Too many "team drinks" though. She was hooked.

Terri has volunteered helping with Halloween, New Year's Eve and pool parties, the Fall golf outings at Harbor Hills, Blood Drives and the Chili Cook Off. And she loves a parade! Decorating her golf cart for the St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of her favorites. In the past, alongside other Parrot Heads she prepared meals for Deliver the Difference. She is also a member of the Charity Committee. Her greatest passion is the Annual Poker Run. Terri has volunteered for the Basket Committee for the past 5 years. This year she was the Chairperson coordinating volunteers for soliciting businesses, basket making, and transporting baskets. Unfortunately because of COVID we were unable to have the poker run this year. So with the help and hard work of Mark Goldberg, Barb Beil, Jacki Burdash we had a Plan B - a Blind Basket Raffle which proved to be quite successful because of the generosity of our members. It truly was a labor of love.

Terri loves being a Parrot Head because of all the wonderful things our Club members do to help out local communities. They are generous with their time, money and friendships.

Her advice to new members is to volunteer so they can meet new people. There are so many opportunities for volunteering and they all are fun. Take the day trips and the weekend trips. Come to the Phlockings to learn what our Club is doing, socialize, listen to great musicians, dance, and of course partake in those "team drinks!"

Club's Executive Committee



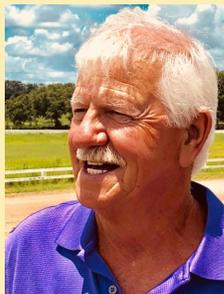
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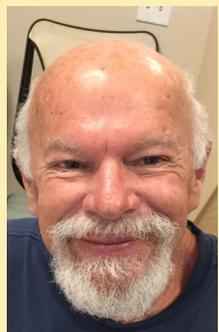
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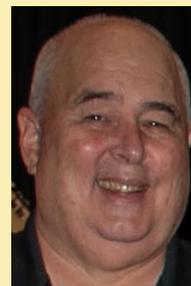
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Past Halloween Parties

