

ParrotTalk

August 2020 Edition

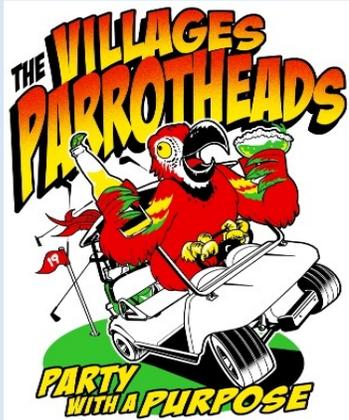


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President's Corner

H-e-I-I-o Parrotheads,

Wow, I can't wait to say that again at a phlocking, but unfortunately, we still don't know when that will be. Hopefully sooner than later.

Many of you have been asking about purchasing Village Parrot Heads merchandise and picking up ordered items. Well we are having a Phins Up Shop day on August 5th, so you can do just that. More on this as you read on in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to our Daytona Beach 16 ½ year Birthday bash which is coming up soon. We were at the Best Western Aku Tiki this past weekend and all is a go. Everything is outside with social distancing, so it should be a great time. Wait till you see what a phun weekend our travel director Trustee, Judy Koch, has planned. Lots of great music, that's for sure. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

It is unfortunate, but we had to cancel our club plans for Siesta Key this year, but many of you are still going. Gypsy worked really hard on this and deserves a lot of thanks. This was a difficult decision. We will revisit this again next year.

Well, that's about it for this month gang. I'll try to keep you as informed as possible about things going on. Keep your Phins Up  !! Hope to see you all real soon !!

Website: villagesparrotheads.com

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



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. To make reservations call (386) 252 9631

Here is our entertainment lineup:

Saturday Night - DJ 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 at the hotel to cover the cost of the bands and if you purchased one for Homosassa, they will be used for this event if you attend.

PHINS UP Shop by Mark the Shark

Many members have been asking for this so we are going to do it. We are going to have a PHINS UP SHOP day on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020, from 3:30pm-5:30pm. This will be held in my driveway, 1407 Olustee Pl, Village of Gilchrist. Under normal circumstances, this would have been our Palmer's phlocking for August.

Pam & the Phins Up Shop girls will have all your favorite Villages Parrot Heads club Parrotphernalia for sale. Hats, t-shirts, novelty items, etc will be available. You can even order some personalized items just like at a phlocking. If you ordered anything in the past, and have already paid for it, we should have it there. We will also have the poker run t-shirts if you ordered one. AND - if you are a new member and have not picked up your lanyard, we will have it there for you.

So - if interested - hurry on down and stop on by!! Just look for the green tents and listen for the Jimmy Buffett music - Of course - this is weather permitted !!

Siesta Key Trip Cancelled

As most of you know the annual Siesta Key Beach Trip is a great event. We have been planning this year's event since last year and had arranged some great events for you to have another awesome beach get away. Many have made reservations already, but many have also cancelled those reservations considering the situation.

Due to the the uncertainty of what is going to happen with the coronavirus over the next couple of months The Villages Parrot Head Club has made the decision to cancel this year's event.

Although the Siesta Key village area, bars and restaurants we would have been using for our events are still open to the public, there are restrictions on how many people can attend an event. With limited seating, it is just not fair for the club to host an event that does not include a large group from our club.

I understand there will still be a group of members keeping their reservations and going for the 3 or 4 days as originally planned. There will be no club tents and tents will not be allowed to remain on the beach overnight. However, in the event you still plan to go, you will likely run into fellow Parrot Heads.

If you will not be attending, you should contact the property owner or manager to cancel as soon as possible.

We will plan on arranging this event again in 2021 and it will be bigger and better! We will be back to club activities as soon as it is appropriate to gather. In the meantime, Phins UP! Gypsy

Poker Run Baskets Drawing

It is now obvious that the Poker Run of 2020 will not be feasible to hold this year. Through the hard work of our volunteers and the Basket Committee, we have over 150 baskets now residing in climate controlled storage. The Executive Committee is developing a plan to auction off the baskets. Watch for emails from Mark the Shark so you don't miss your chance to participate.



Membership

On Line Membership Renewals

by Mark the Shark

Hi everyone - the day has arrived. I am happy to report we have gone online with new-members, member and ticket sales. We are using a program called TicketLeap, and it is really easy. (We will no longer be using Paypal and our account will be deactivated)

This will free up space at phlockings (whenever they return), help us with social distancing to help keep us safe, and get rid of a lot of those tables which take up space. Thanks to Mark Goldberg, our website designer, you will be able to renew, have your friends join the club, and purchase tickets to events on-line, all from the comfort of your own home. Just think - no more long lines.

Please note: **we are not asking you to renew memberships now.** If you have renewed for 2020, you are good for the whole year. We will publish when we are asking for renewals for 2021 at a later date, and the good news is renewal membership will remain at \$20. However, the new-member price will be \$30. When you go to our website, www.thevillagesparrotheads.com and then go to the membership tab, you will see the new area to renew or join. There is a practice event for renewals, new-members, and events which you can use to practice. Please note: we will be asking for your Village-ID number from now on. If you are not a village resident, please use your first name and your street address number (example: shark1234) as your Villages ID numbers. Please go to the website and use the practice sessions, and you can contact Mark Goldberg with any questions. His email is Mg1135@sbcglobal.net

As just about everything we do in life now is online, we are now coming of age with our club. This is going to make life much easier for you, our members, our board members, and our event chairs. It may take a little getting used to, but once you use it, you will like it.

So keep your Phins Up Parrotheads. Even though we are not phlocking yet, we are still working on ways to make our club better. Keep your eyes open for more exciting news !!!

Blood Drive Information

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

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

“With a little love and luck we will get by” – *Jimmy Buffett*



Charity

Project SOS Update

By Steve Larson



Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers) supports our US military serving overseas, our disabled veterans, and our homeless veterans. Located in Tri-County area, they primarily focus on the veterans who live in the Ocala National Forest but

nobody is turned away if they are hungry or in need of medicine. They have been one of our Club's supported charities for several years. We donated \$4,000 from this year's Hootenanny to fund a scholarship for the child of a veteran living in the Ocala National Forest. I spoke to Rev. Gary Kadow, (Founder and Chairman) to ask for an update on what effect the pandemic has had on the people he helps. Gary told me that since the pandemic hit, the majority of the veterans he had been able to get out of the forest have lost their jobs, are out of money and many are homeless once again. Project SOS passes out food each Saturday at St. Patrick's Church - Gateway to Hope, which is on the edge of the forest. Prior to the pandemic they would have 125 families seeking help to feed their families. It's now up is to 850 to 1,000 families each week in need of food and other items.. Their biggest needs are baby food, diapers of all sizes, formula that can be mixed with water and baby wipes. They also need food that has high protein but doesn't need to be refrigerated. This Pandemic has been especially hard on the younger children so other items such as coloring books, crayons, and simple things they can play really bring a smile to their faces.

Rev. Gary Kadow can be reached at: 352-430-0567 or email him at gkadow@aol.com



Sponsor Spotlight

By Steve Larson



Top Seal Roofing Systems is one of our Club's corporate sponsors. They are the company that donated the large door prizes at our Cody fundraisers last year. In addition to that, last December, they donated \$5,000 along with the Club's \$2,000 to provide 150 families living in the Ocala National Forrest with a Christmas dinner. Michael Roush started Top Seal Roofing Systems in 2019. They are unique in the roofing business. "We help homeowners determine if they have storm and/or wind damage and then assist them in filing claims with their insurance companies. Even if a homeowner has been denied, we may be able to assist them. We don't knock on doors. Our business is based on the referrals of people we've helped" said Michael.

When I asked Michael why he decided to sponsor the Parrot Head Club, he said, "We saw the charitable contributions the Parrot Heads were making to the Wildwood Middle High School and we decided we wanted to be a part of that. I've always had a soft spot in my heart when it comes to helping children". Michael Roush and his team can be reached at (352) 619-5652.

Food Drive For Project SOS

By Marsha Herring

If you were as moved as I was by the need of Project SOS, you might be looking for a way to help. I would like to host a drop off opportunity for **peanut butter, jelly, and baby supplies** at my home. Gather up peanut nut butter, jelly and/or baby supplies and drop them off on either **Monday, August 10th between 10AM & 1PM or Wednesday, August 12th between 1PM & 3PM**. My address is 2239 Vassar Lane in Biscayne Villas in The Village of Tamarind Grove. I know any help you can provide will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at (412) 260-7475 or email me at mherr424@comcast.net.

Member Profile



Our Parrot Head profile this month features the Phun-loving Kim Ross!

Kim and her husband Dale live in the Village of Osceola Hills. They moved into their new home in August of 2017 and don't plan on moving again. Kim says moving is not fun! They love the location because it's centrally located and with the current expansion going on it may someday be right at the center of The Villages.

Some of the activities that Kim enjoys are golfing, a Monday ladies game night where they play Samba, the Born in the Sixties Club, Water Zumba, and Cardio Drumming.

Kim is originally from Urbana, Ohio. Before retiring she was employed as an assembly associate at Honda of America for twenty-four years. She worked all over the plant but was primarily involved with building dash panels and engines. Kim and Dale have two daughters and one grand-daughter. They also have a beautiful white Persian cat aptly named Powder.

Kim informed me that it's all my fault that they joined the Parrot Head Club. We were at a small dinner party with mutual friends and since Kim and Dale were fairly new to The Villages we were sharing information about activities and clubs we enjoyed. I guess I gave the Parrot Head Club such a glowing review they decided to join. You're welcome!

You have probably seen Kim volunteering at The Phins Up Shop during our phlockings. She also acts as Dale's secretary for the chili cook-off, has done the meal packaging events, and helps out with the parades. In fact she is our own special leprechaun at the St. Patty's Day Parade!

The philanthropic work that the Parrot Heads do never ceases to amaze Kim. She is touched by how caring the members are and how much they enjoy helping others. She also loves all the fun events the club organizes for its members.

Kim would advise new members first of all to visit their Phins Up Shop and get themselves a shirt and see all the cool things they have. (Nice plug Kim!) She also suggests they read the newsletter so they can be informed about what's going on in the club. She says going to the phlockings is a great way to meet the members and volunteering to help out at some of the events is a great way to make new friends and have some phun too!

Club's Executive Committee



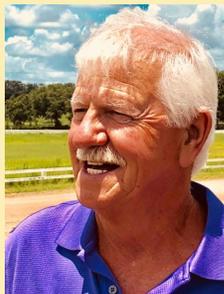
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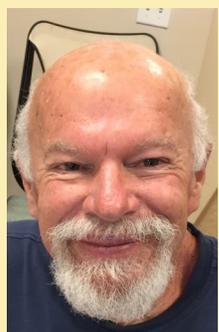
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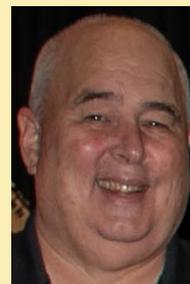
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