

Parrot Talk

July 2020 Edition

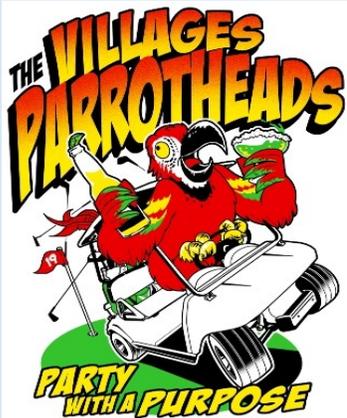


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President's Corner

As I sit back and look over my first full year as President of our club, and even though our club has pretty much shut down for now, we still had a pretty good year.

Check out our 2020 Semi-annual report to PHIP which is included in this newsletter. You guys never cease to amaze me with what you can accomplish even in difficult times. A TEAM DRINK to all.

I am real excited to go forward with new technology, starting July 1st, which will allow us to renew our membership, add new-members and buy tickets to events, all online, and all from the comfort of our own homes. Just think – no more long lines, more room to maneuver at phlockings as we won't need as many tables. And all thanks to Mark Goldberg, our website designer, who has done a magnificent job because of all his hard work. A special Team Drink to you my friend. Please check it out on our website and use the practice sessions to get yourself acquainted with it.

We still have no word about when we will be able to have our poker run/basket raffle or be able to start phlockings up again, but we are staying on top of things, and as soon as we know when, and what the restrictions will be, we will start planning.

I have been asked about this a lot, and our 16 ½ Birthday Bash is still on at the Best Western AkuTiki in Daytona Beach FL in August, with a great music lineup and should be a great time.

So go celebrate our nations 244th Birthday on the 4th of July – you deserve it.

Website: villagesparrotheads.com

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



The Club Events listed below are being planned with the hope 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 party is at the Best Western Aku Tiki Inn for Sunday August 16 and Monday the 17th.

Our block of rooms is sold out but you may be able to get a room there. There are sure to be last minute cancellations so if you want to book a room, contact Judy Koch at (352) 350-4293.

If you can't get a room at the Tiki, you can go [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and get a room at Perry's ocean front resort which is next door and then come next door to party!!

Here is our entertainment lineup:

- Saturday Night - Karaoke 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.

Thanks! Fins up 4 Pfun.

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 20th – 23rd. 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



Membership

On Line Membership Renewals

by Mark the Shark

Hi everyone - the day has arrived. I am happy to report that 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 !!!

"People who think too much before they act don't act too much."

Jimmy Buffett

Jimmy Buffett Quiz

1. Who fell asleep on the beach beneath the Florida moon?
2. What time should Snake plan to meet you at the airport tomorrow night?
3. What year is said to be a science fiction fact?
4. What is the first thing an expatriated American should learn?
5. Who is Stanley Kubrick's buddy?
6. What did you wear in the first row?
7. Whose music do you listen to as you walk along the beach?
8. How long did you sit on the beach?
9. Who disrupted your plan to go out for a bite?
10. What might someone buy if he wins the football pool?
11. What is it that Walker, Willis and Murphy sing?
12. What movie did Frank and Lola see?
13. How do the expatriates spend their renegade pesos?
14. What is the name of your co-conspirator at the Mini-Mart?
15. What ended the performance of the Bob Roberts Society Band?
16. What will Russian people have through the 21st century?
17. When speaking Southernese, what two letters give you trouble?
18. What cousin attended camp with you?
19. Where is Sporty's Pilot Shop?
20. Whose hearts are made in hell?
21. Which takes longer, a train ride from Cincinnati or a boat ride to Antigua?
22. What color is your ragtop?
23. How much money did you steal from the filling station?
24. What three things should never be described unless they've been seen?
25. How much money was spent just to look at Mars?

Quiz answers on Page 8



Charity

Charities That Need Our Help

By Marsha Herring

The need is VERY great right now for local charities that the Club supports. If you would like to make a monetary or food donation to one of the local charities that we support, the contact and delivery information is listed below:

Beyond the Walls

Fruitland Park Food Pantry
Heritage Community Church
609 W. Birchman Street
Fruitland Park, FL 34371
(352) 365 2552

Help Agency

SOZO Kids
19186 NE 13th Street
Silver Springs. FL 34488
(352) 299 5830

Lady Lake Food Pantry

103 E. Lady Lake Blvd.
Lady Lake, FL 32162
(352) 259 0788

Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry

589 CR470
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538
(352) 793 3438

Wildwood Food Pantry

Caring Hands
302 Hall Street
Wildwood FL 34785
(352) 748 2553

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

Blood Drives

Our blood drives have stopped for the foreseeable future. We may have one on 9/11 but time will tell. That doesn't mean that the need for blood has stopped. While we won't be holding any drives for the next few months, 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. You can also call Larry Fish at 352-266-1020 who is our Oneblood coordinator to make an appointment or organize a neighborhood drive. After you donate, go to the club's web site and fill in the information which will be sent to Jaci Burdash and she will post the points.

We've had three Club member sponsored neighborhood blood drives in June. Pam Babasa organized a blood drive in Osceola Hills that produced 33 pints. Tom & Irene Lawrenson held a blood drive that collected 48 pints of blood and Kevin and Linda Fuller sponsored a blood drive in their neighborhood that collected 30 pints of blood. A big Thank You and Team Drink goes out to each of them.

Refunds

As our Homosassa weekend has passed and we missed out on all the fun, we have now started the task of refunding our members for T-shirts and/or wristbands.

T-shirts: We believe that all of the T-Shirt orders have been refunded.

Wristbands: If you purchased wristbands to help pay for the bands, you can transfer your wristbands to use at our 16 1/2 year birthday bash in Daytona Beach in August. If you are not able to attend our birthday bash and would like a refund, we will mail you a check for the \$20 each wristband. Most of you have already emailed me with your decision in what you want to do with your wristbands. If you have not already done so, please let me know by emailing me at Markthesharkdj@gmail.com.

Member Profile



This month our Parrot Head Profile features Jim Dieleman. Jim and his beautiful wife Johnna live in the Village of Amelia. They moved from Colorado into a rental in the Village of Piedmont for a year while they scoped out various neighborhoods and open houses. Just as their lease was expiring they found their dream home! They chose the Village of Amelia because of its central location and also because it was a very socially active neighborhood. They will have been in the Village of Amelia 10 years this coming July.

Besides the Parrot Head Club, Jim enjoys the social activities in his neighborhood, including Bunko nights, monthly socials with entertainment in a rec center, a yearly bus trip or cruise, and with our current conditions, weekly driveway parties with social distancing. They are also members of the Baby Boomers, the Iowa Club, the Colorado Club, three different beach clubs, Mickey Fanatics, and Goofy Villagers. Jim also enjoys playing golf in The Villages. It sounds to me like Jim and Johnna know how to have a good time!

Jim grew up in Pella, Iowa, the home of Pella Windows and famous for its Tulip Town Festival. After graduation from the University of Iowa Jim went to work for the S.S. Kresge Company, which after about five years changed its name to the K-Mart Corporation. He was employed by them for 28 years in retail management. He has also managed an Ace Hardware Store and an appliance store. Jim and Johnna have two daughters and one son, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jim and Johnna had never heard about the Parrot Head Club until one day when Johnna was working with the Villages Real Estate Department. Judy Turner mentioned it to Johnna and said she thought they'd enjoy it. They went to a Phlocking and have hardly missed a meeting since! You have probably seen Jim doing his bit as a volunteer for our club's 50/50 drawings along with Johnna. If you haven't, you haven't been paying attention as he is up at the microphone at practically every phlocking! They volunteer for the blood drives by giving blood and also helping to staff the drive if needed. Jim is also a member of the club's travel committee.

When Jim talks to people about the Parrot Head Club he likes to point out that we are a very charitable organization and it's one of the things he likes best about the club. They both love attending all the events, holiday parties, and pool parties that the club organizes.

Jim would give new members the same advice he was given as a new member of the club. Get involved, help with the 50/50, be a name taker at the door, join a committee that plans a party. The more you get involved, the more people you meet, and the more people you meet, the more fun you will have. How can you lose?

Club's Executive Committee



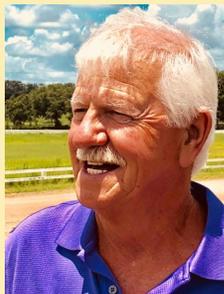
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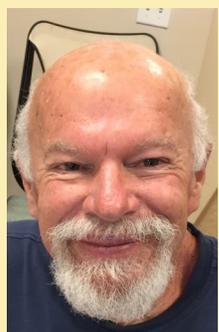
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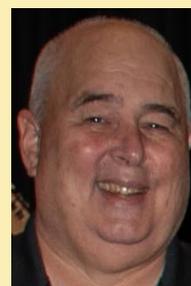
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Other Stuff

Recipes from TropRock Magazine



Pineapple Strawberry Mimosa

- 2 oz. Prosecco Wine or champagne
- 2 oz. Pineapple Juice
- 1/2 oz. Triple Sec
- 3 or 4 Fresh Strawberries

Blend the Pineapple Juice, Strawberries and Triple Sec. Pour the mixture into a champagne glass.

Add the Prosecco wine or Champagne

Bullfrog Drink (easy)

- 12 oz Can Minute Maid Frozen Limeade
- 12-14 Vodka shots
- Lime for garnish

Mix Frozen Limeade with 4 1/3 cup of water. Add 12-14 shots of of Vodka. Garnish with lime



Strawberry Rum Punch

- 1 Bottle of Ginger Ale (2 liter)
- 1 Frozen Can of Limeade (12 oz.)
- 1 Frozen Can of Strawberry Daiquiri (12 oz.)
- 1 Carton of Fresh Strawberries
- 1 Lemon
- 2 Limes
- 2 1/2 cups of White Rum

In a large pitcher, combine Ginger Ale, Limeade and Strawberry Daiquiri. Stir until all the frozen

ingredients melt. Slice fruit and add some to pitcher saving some for garnish, add rum and serve.

*If life gives you limes,
make margaritas*

Jimmy Buffett

Buffett Quiz Answers

1. Frankie and Lola
2. Ten
3. 1993 (7 years from the millennium)
4. Some native customs
5. Hal
6. A beer barrel
7. Bob Marley's
8. Until your body got fried
9. A chum with a bottle of rum
10. Some grass
11. Texas rhyme
12. Body Heat
13. On a bottle of rum and a lime
14. Ricky
15. A blown circuit breaker
16. Crotchless underwear
17. R & G
18. Baxter
19. Columbus, Ohio
20. Pirates who captured Jolly man
21. Both take three days
22. White and Red
23. \$15
24. The ocean, the scenery , a Kiss concert
25. Ninety jillion dollars

THE VILLAGES PARROTHEAD CLUB (TVPHC)
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
1/1/2020 THROUGH 6/30/2020

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 Parrot Head 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.

Mark "the Shark" Woodland

President, The Villages Parrot Heads Club