

2020 Villages Parrot Head's Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrotheads Club's annual report highlighting major club events undertaken by our members. We are fortunate and proud to have the world's largest Parrothead club membership and our membership is very generous and active as you will see.

As with all clubs, our club saw a difficult year with the covid-19 pandemic. However, that did not defray our club members' desire to help those in need, no matter what the circumstances.

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. Later in the year, we held a drive-by baby supply drive and then a driveway party gift card drive, which raised over \$2,500 to help these families with young children

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.

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.

Even with the shutdown, throughout the year, we were able to hold three blood drives at outdoor venues. Once again, the response from our members, as usual, was amazing. Our members also helped out and held neighborhood blood

drives at their homes. For 2020, 837 pints of blood (or 104.35 GALLONS) were donated.

Unfortunately, and due to Covid, our annual Golf Cart Poker Run / Basket raffle had to be cancelled. However, there were over 150 baskets with items donated by our members to raffle off. We used an online system, created by our webmaster, to hold an online basket raffle and our members donated over \$8,000 for our charities.

Our Food Pantry support continues to be an ongoing and significant Club activity. In 2020, \$8,404 in cash, and in-kind donations were given to various food pantries.

In closing, I would like to praise our members who, in a year when we were all couped up and asked to social distance, and where volunteer opportunities were few, they helped raise \$59,244 in cash and in-kind donations and worked 8864 volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$23.07, with the value of these hours being \$204,494.00.

As I stated before these are just some of the many activities our club undertakes. We are always striving to leave the world a little better than we found it.

I am extremely proud of the members of our club who participate and work so hard to make our club the success it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Woodland

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