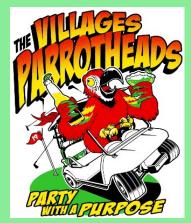
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### **President's Corner**



I'm writing this President's Corner a little early this month as I am heading to our Homosassa Bash with the theme of "Shark's That Swim On Land". This promises to be a great weekend so watch for pictures and stories of all the games, bands, and antics from everyone.

This past month was one for the record books as many of our members ventured to Panama City Beach Parrot Head Club's "Rendezvous" on the beach. Wow, what an outstanding time we all had, and I even won the hat contest for our club. I will be bringing it to the Belle Glade Phlocking as we reminisce about a great weekend. If

you have never been to rendezvous, let me tell you a little about it. Tents on the beach, next to the Gulf, with hundreds of Parrot heads from around the country listening to some awesome music on a beach stage from 10am till late at night (not Villages late at night as they played past 9pm.) Jeff Brewer and their staff did a fabulous job of putting it together, through some adversity, and we certainly hope they do it again next year. There is some doubt, but I hope so. I will keep you informed as I hear anything. Thanks to all who ventured for hundreds of miles from our bubble.

Back at home we again had 3 great phlockings, with some new music, and also a great afternoon at the Himalayan golf tournament. Thanks to Carol O'Neal and her committee for putting on a phun tournament. And congratulations to all our winners.

May will bring 3 more phlocking, and don't forget our Belle Glade Phlocking will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>, not May 8<sup>th</sup>. (Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms) We have a trip to Margaritaville night at the Tampa Bay Rays, our Golf Scrambles start, and we will have a fundraiser at Cody's for Patriot Dogs which help Veterans on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarasota Bay Parrot head Club's Birthday Party is the weekend of May 20-22, and many of our members are headed there for a phun filled weekend. There may be registrations and hotel rooms still available so check out their web site.

Well, it's off to Homosassa for me, and I hope to see many of you there.

Keep your Phins Up Parrot Heads \_\_/\\_\_. We will, of course, see you all soon !!

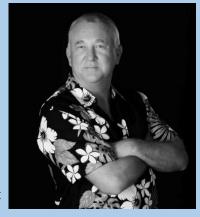


#### Wednesday, May 4th Phlocking

The first Phlocking of May will be at the Palmer Country Club from 3:30 until 6 PM. Phins Up Shop opens at 3:30 for Pick Up Only. Gilly and the Girl are back to provide the entertainment. If you've never heard them, click on this: Acoustic Wedding Vibes w/Gilly & the Girl - YouTube. We are also going to raffle off the last of the unclaimed baskets from the Poker Run.

### Sunday, May 15th Phlocking

We will have our second Phlocking at Belle Glade Country Club. **The Phins Shop opens at 3:30.** We will welcome back the ever popular Danny B to provide the music. Should be a great party.



#### Wednesday, May 18th Phlocking

The last Phlocking of May will be held at the Havana Country Club. Phins Up Shop is open for pick up only. This is our mid-day Phlocking so you can have lunch while you listen to Kathy Kerns.



#### Tampa Bay Rays vs. Toronto Blue Jays



#### **Victory Casino Cruise**

We are bring back this fun event. The day is June 24th. The Cost is \$55 per person . For that you get the bus ride, the admission to the Casino, a \$20 casino credit and a buffet lunch. The bus will leave from the Walmart of 466 at 8:30 AM and you will be back at 6:30. It's a fun way to spend a day. Bonnie Walls is the Chairperson (904) 505 1681 and her Assistant Chairperson is Patty Patterson (484) 487 7492. Tickets go on sale at noon, May 3rd at website.



#### **Golf Outing**

This year we are bringing the Golf Outing back to the Villages. On September 14th at the Bonifay Country Club we have a 2 PM shotgun start from 27 holes. We will have room for 192 golfers. The Charity selected this year is the Alzheimer's Association. Watch the Newsletter and Mark's

emails for information on how to participate.





#### Pool Party #1

This year we are going to break from tradition and have 2 pool parties instead of 1. The first one will be at the Mulberry Pool on June 19th. Tickets go on sale May 3rd at noon. If you snooze, you lose. This will sell out quickly. It's a bring your own everything party with Rocky and Michele providing the entertainment. Games, prizes, shot sticks and laughter will be provided. No Refunds. If you have questions, email Mary Jane Stewart at stewiegal@yahoo.com or Dave Nelson at davenel32159@centurylink.net. They are the co-chairs of this event. Watch your emails and Facebook for additional details.



#### **Pool Party #2**

The second pool party will be on August 28th at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center. Tickets will go on sale on July 1st. Same setup as the first one. You bring the food and drink was the club provides the games, prizes, shot stick and fun. Got questions? Email Kim Ross at rossx356@gmail.com or Julia Allen at juliahallen622@aol.com.



#### **Lido Beach Day Trip**

A little over 2 hours South of the Villages lies Lido Beach. If you are a beach lover, this day trip will leave from the Walmart parking lot on July 21st at 8 AM and return around 10 PM.

You will get to spend the day at one of Florida's most pristine beaches, shop, browse and eat at St. Armand's Key. It will be a memorable day. Watch the Club emails for details on cost and when tickets will be for sale. But, in the meantime, mark your calendars.



#### **Daytona Beach Blast**

We are in active negotiations with the Best Western Aku Tiki for another weekend of sun, surf and troprock music. We will be making the announcement on how to book your room in the coming weeks. You do not want to miss out on the biggest beach outing the Club puts on. Trust me.



# Charity News

#### **May Food Drive**

The May Food Drive will benefit Fruitland Park Food Pantry. The collection will be at the Havana Phlocking on May 18th. The Poverty rate in Fruitland Park is 14% overall but the very young (under 6) and the very old (over 85) are the demographics most affected. This food distribution is managed by the United Methodist Church of Fruitland Park. Please be generous.

#### **Patriot Service Dogs Fundraiser**

The 1st Cody's Fundraiser of 2022 will be held on May 24th at their Brownwood restaurant. The Charity the Club will raising funds for is Patriot Service Dogs. Their mission is to train service dogs for military veterans struggling with mobility, PTSD, and MST, using the skills and dedication of women incarcerated in Florida's largest women's correctional facility. If you would like to know more about this organization, please go their website at patriotservicedogs.org.

Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC is the Club Corporate Sponsor that will be providing the door prize for this event. It's a scratch off lottery tree with \$500 of tickets. This is your very best chance to be a millionaire!! Door Prize tickets will be sold at each Phlocking in May and at the event.

#### **Donation to Shepard's Lighthouse**

In April the Club presented Yolando East, Executive Director of Shepard's Lighthouse with a check for \$3,000. This charity, located in Belview, takes in homeless women and children, provides them food, shelter, counselling, and job training.



#### **Combat Veterans to Careers Results**

Bob Williams hit another home run for the Club when he suggested a drive to help Combat Veterans To Careers (CVC). This charity helps those transitioning from military service to productive civilian careers. A large part of their fundraising comes from their Thrift Shop, located at 400 E. Gulf Atlantic Hwy (Rt 44) in Wildwood. Club members donated

- 963 CDs
- 373 DVDs
- 669 Books
- 126 Vinyl Records
- 504 Jewelry Items
- 1 DVD Player
- 10 Purses/Handbags
- 8 Figurines
- 5 Games

2659 items valued of \$4804.



The hours there are M-F 9:30-4:30 and Saturday 10:00-2:00. The phone number there is (352)748-1855. Should you wish to make a merchandise donation please visit their website, <a href="https://combatveteranstocareers.org">https://combatveteranstocareers.org</a> to find an extensive list of items they will accept, as well as items they will not accept. Donations are to be dropped off at their rear door. The Thrift Shop will do home pickup for large items such as furniture and appliances, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call the phone number listed above to schedule. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation through the website as well. All forms of donations are tax deductible.



#### **New Club Members**

Lillian Boden
Richard Boden
Cheryl Brown
Jeffery Brown
Lora Bruyn
Kathy Bryson
Michael Cloutier
Theresa Cloutier
Christ Delewese
John Delewese
Jean DeLia
Renee Depies
Ellen Ferdinand
Bonnie Ferguson
Rlene Fishman

Fran Giroux Rick Giroux Janet Jackson Dina LaPorta Peter LaPorta Teresa Liddil Gigi Polk Ray Polk **Donald Schadt** Steve Sochinski John Stemen Karen Stemen Julie Strong Lisha Stuckey Walter Ucci Yvonne Ucci

#### **Membership Dues For 2022**

If you want to continue to be a member of the largest Parrot Head Club in the universe, you need to renew for 2022. You can do it on-line at the Club's website. It will cost you \$25 for the year. This is the biggest bargain around. Just think - 36 phlockings a year with excellent entertainment at each one. Weekend getaway trips with your friends and favorite bands, Pop-Up Parrot Head Parties, special events dances, day trips to some of Central Florida's entertainment venues and beaches for less than you'd spend for dinner on a Wednesday night. What a deal! You also get to be part of a Club known for its generosity and giving back to the community.

**Don't wait. Do it now.** We have BIG plans for 2022 and we hope that you will join us once again.

#### **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, Chairperson of the Club's Sunshine Committee. Patti's email is: patamus1747@gmail.com



#### **Member Advocate**



Jack Maiz is the Club's Member
Advocate. He is available to any
member who has an issue with the
Board, the Club or another member.
His job is to find a resolution while
insuring member confidentiality.
Jack's email is jmaiz@aaol.com.

#### **Gypsy and Ren's Drink for May**

Sometimes, simple is just better. The drink for May is

Southern Belle Sweet Tea



2 Part Sweet Tea

1 Part your favorite Bourbon

Serve over ice with a wedge of Lemon

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Attendance: 3 volunteers are needed for Phlockings at Palmer and Havana. 2 volunteers are needed for Belle Glade. The times are 2:30-5:30 for Palmer and Belle Glade and from noon to 3:00 PM for Havana. We will be at Havana on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, Palmer on the 1st Wednesday of every month and Belle Glade on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please let Jaci Burdash know (jlb2500@gmail.com) if you can help with attendance taking and if you have a preferred location.

**50/50**: 2 volunteers are needed, starting at 2:30 for Palmer and Belle Glade and 1:) for Havana. Please send an email to Jim Dieleman at hawkeye0089@aol.com if you can help selling 50/50 tickets.

New Members: These are great ways to meet your fellow PHs and earn points. For an explanation of the points system, go to the Club's web site, click on "Volunteers" and then the link to the explanation of the points system.

Wildwood Soup Kitchen If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of people, this might be the opportunity you've been waiting for. If you're interested, go to wildwoodsoupkitchen.org and fill out an application and be sure and put on the form that you are a Parrot Head: For additional information contact: Barbara McManus: (352) 299 6494 Email: barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com

The Villages Regional Hospital Opportunities in various departments, some which interact with patients and some which do not. Application forms are available at the front desk or the Day Captain's Office near the front entrance or contact Gloria Counselman (352) 751-8176

Email: tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org

**Cornerstone Hospice** in The Villages needs volunteers. Roles include greeters and kitchen volunteers at the hospice, as well as volunteers to visit patients in their homes, assisted living facilities and nursing facilities. For more information,

#### **Travel Committee**

#### Do you want to get more involved?

The Village's Parrot Head Club is successful because we provide venues and events that meet and sometimes, exceed member expectations. It doesn't happen by accident. It's a mixture of imagination, investigation, planning and execution. It's members getting involved to come up with great events.

Judy Koch, our Travel Director, is the Chairperson of the Club's Travel Committee. She is always looking for new members and new ideas. You are needed. Stop by on Thursday, May 12th, at Perkins restaurant on 441/27 to see what it's all about !! Dinner is at 5pm, with the meeting starting around 6pm. And you get 1 Parrot Point for attending.

This is your club. We are only as much phun as we want to make it. It all depends on what you want to do.

If you plan to attend, please send Judy an email at <a href="mailto:parteepar11@aol.com">parteepar11@aol.com</a> so she can give Perkins a heads up on how to staff the room.

#### **Member Discounts**

Two of our Corporate Sponsors are now giving discounts to Club members (Lake Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC and FertiGator). See Page 14 for details.

#### **Barb's Trivia Question:**

One of Jimmy's early '70s releases is titled A1A. What is "A1A"?

- A. His favorite brand of steak sauce
- B. The beach-access highway along Florida's Atlantic coast
- C. The highway designation for the main artery that connects all the Florida keys to the mainland
- D. A nautical heading for due south

Answer on next page.





#### The Story of Jimmy Buffett's Music Career

By Mark the Shark (with help from Wikipedia)

Buffett began his musical career in Nashville, Tennessee, during the late 1960s as a country artist and recorded his first album, the country-tinged folk rock record "Down to Earth", in 1970.

During this time, Buffett could be frequently be found busking (playing in public with a tip jar) for tourists in New Orleans. Fellow country singer Jerry Jeff Walker took him to Key West on a busking expedition in November 1971. Buffett then moved to Key West and began establishing the easy-going beach-bum persona for which he is known.

He started out playing for drinks at the Chart Room Bar in the Pier House Motel. Following this move, Buffett combined country, rock, folk, calypso and pop music with coastal as well as tropical lyrical themes for a sound sometimes called Gulf and Western, or tropical rock.

Today, he is a regular visitor to the Caribbean island of Saint Barts and other islands where he gets inspiration for many of his songs and some of the characters in his books. With the untimely death of friend and mentor Jim Croce in September 1973, ABC/Dunhill Records tapped Buffett to fill his space. Earlier, Buffett had visited Croce's farm in Pennsylvania and met with Croce in Florida.

Buffett's third album in 1973 was "A White Sport Coat and a Pink Crustacean". Albums "Living & Dying in 3/4 time" and "A1A" both followed in 1974,

"Havana Daydreaming" appeared in 1976, and "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes" followed in 1977, which featured the breakthrough hit song Margaritaville.

More in the next Newsletter.

#### Answer:

B. The A1A designation ends in Miami. The road to Key West is U.S. 1 which runs from Maine to Key West, FL. along the eastern United States

#### The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett

#### **Perrier Blues**

Ridin' high atop the main mast Harbor stretched out below All day I've been feelin' kind of half-assed So I asked the boy to lower me slow Lower me slow

Sat down and drank me some Perrier
Watched the seaplane disappear out of sight
Confused in my head well I jumped back in bed
Wondering who's at the fronton tonight
Shinin' bright

I know the night and I miss it I've got this thing for applause But like a cat on my rockin' chair cushion I've got to stretch my claws Move my jaw

I know I've got the best of both worlds
Though that sounds like a T.V. show
When that anchor goes down and the sails are all furled
Well it's back on the road I go
Back I go

Well I bitch about the food and the weather Wondering why the hell I ever came back But knowing deep down I love this merry-go-round And I can't wait to lay down this track When I get back

Yeah, I know the night and I love it I've got this thing for a show If the ball's hit my way I'm going to glove it 'Cause that's the only thing I know All I know

Yeah, I know the night and I miss it I've got this thing for applause But like a cat on my rockin' chair cushion I've got to stretch my claws Move my jaw

Move my jaw

Can't seem to lose those Perrier Blues Can't seem to lose those Perrier Blues Can't seem to lose those Perrier Blues



#### AM I SIGNED UP FOR THAT EVENT

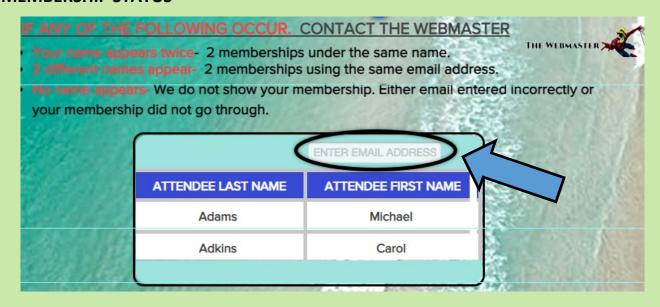
Have you ever forgotten if you signed up for an upcoming event? How about wanting to know who is sitting at your table? What do you do? Chances are, you call a board member or me and that is absolutely OK. But, wouldn't you like to be able to check it yourself. Well, now you can.

On the website you will find pages for MEMBERSHIP and most events. All you need to do is enter your either your name, email or table number and you will see if you have a ticket as well as who you are sitting with. Here are a couple of examples:

**VIEW YOUR PURCHASES**: On the HOME page, just look for "My Purchases" and select the one you want.

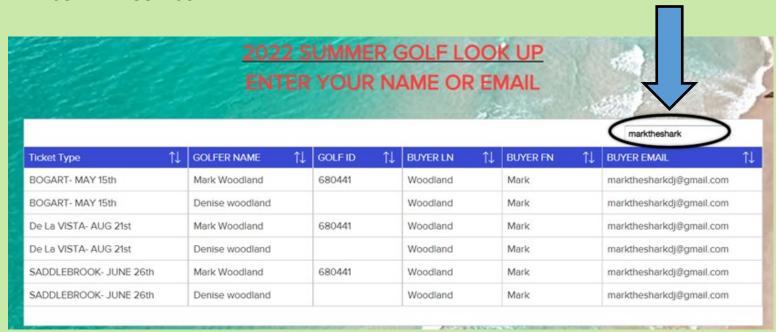


#### **VIEW MEMBERSHIP STATUS**





#### **NEW SUMMER GOLF SCRAMBLE**



These pages will be updated every few days, so seeing your information is may take a couple of days. However, we hope you find this an exciting new feature to make your VILLAGESPARROTHEADS website even more useful and fun to navigate.

Of course, any questions or comments, please contact me.



Our Parrot Head profile this month features the dynamic duo of Jackie and Jim Lippe. Jackie and Jim live in The Village of Tamarind Grove. They moved there in April of 2011 and they love the convenience of their location as well as their great neighbors. They are close to their pool and postal station as well as easy access to I 75 and the turnpike.

Jim is very involved in the wood working shops where he makes pens for our servicemen. He likes both shops that The Villages offers since they both have some different equipment. Jackie is very active in St. Vincent de Paul church where she helps with tallying up the collection. They are both members of the Mickey Fanatics Club where they work at the fund raising marathons they sponsor.

Jackie and Jim both grew up in the small town of Fredonia, Wisconsin where they've known each other since High School, married, and raised their four children. They've been married 59 years now!

St Joseph's Hospital in West Bend, Wisconsin employed Jackie for 42 years. She was the Director of the Business Office. Before retiring here Jim was a tool and die maker and manager for Vulcen Industries, making parts for Harley Davidson. He also had his own company selling real estate and was involved in building houses with his sons.

Jackie and Jim have three sons and a daughter as well as 13 grandchildren! Their sons live in Wisconsin and daughter lives in Dublin, Ohio. Their first great-grandson was born on Valentine's Day this year and they are looking forward to meeting him in a few weeks when they go back home to Wisconsin for a wedding.

They both enjoy Jimmy Buffet's music and had seen him when he performed in Alpine Valley, Wisconsin. When they first moved down here they saw that there was a Jimmy Buffet look-a-like contest at Seabreeze. They rode over in their golf cart and while there they bought their first tickets to the poker run, and even though they didn't win the look-a-like contest, they have been members ever since!

Jackie and Jim have volunteered for the poker run, toys for tots, and the Leesburg parade. They've helped with food pantry pick-ups, counting food, and delivery for 7 years. Currently they are assisting Johnny Ward with membership so you may have seen them at phlockings at the membership table handing out badges. They both say that the music is one of their favorite things about our club and also the good we do in the community. They also really appreciate the Parrot Heads in Paradise Scholarship Program because their granddaughter won first place of \$5000. Later on their grandson won second place of \$3000, so they feel they have a lot to give back.

Their advice to new members about getting involved in the club is that the best way to have fun and make new friends is to volunteer for some of the activities. It's worked for them!



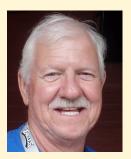
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The Palmer Legends Country Club has been making space available for Club Phlockings for over a decade. Their goal is to create a memorable experience for their guests. They believe "the taste of the roast is determined by the handshake of the



Havana Country Club hosts our Phlocking on the 3rd. Wednesday of each month with a lunch Phlocking. Havana is proud to offer one of the best dining experiences in the Villages. They specialize in fine steaks, fresh seafood and pasta.



Last year we decided to hold Sunday Phlockings each month. Belle Glade invited us to use their space and we gladly accepted. They invite you to come in they promise to serve up what it takes to make you happy.



StreetRod has been a Club sponsor for several years. They support our annual Golf Outing, food drives and our annual Poker run. They sell one of America's highest quality golf carts. They would like to show you what the StreeRod experience is with a test drive driving is believing. Call (352) 751-3953 to get a test drive and see the difference between your cart and a Streetrod



Jack Maiz is a Club Member and the owner of Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC. He specializes in Medicare Planning for Veterans on Tricare and Eligible Seniors, age 65 and over. He also specializes in Fixed Guaranteed Annuities. You can visit his website at at <a href="https://www.jmaizsafeharborllc.com">www.jmaizsafeharborllc.com</a> or call him at (352) 205-6911



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Diane Smallwood is a Realtor with the Keller Williams Cornerstone Agency capable and ready to help you buy or sell a home. She is also one of the Club's favorite entertainers in Retro Express and Caribbean Chillers. Diane can be reached at (352) 787-4325 or emailed at DianeSmallwood@kw.com. Her website is www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com



The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We appreciate the space and the support.

