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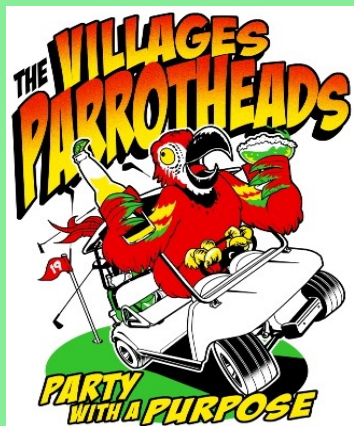


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President's Corner



We ended 2021 with a bang. Wow – what a fantastic New Year's Eve party as Hollywood and the Tropix, once again, proved that they are one of the most phun bands I have ever heard. Thanks to Audrey Dorothers and her committee for putting together such a great party.

A few weeks before, we had a wonderful Holiday party with great food and entertainment. The Caribbean Chillers played all our phavorites while Cody's Roadhouse provided a delicious meal. Thanks so much to Bonnie Walls and her committee for all their hard work in putting this together. And thanks to our tropical Santa Clauses for putting on their awesome skit. Jim Dieleman, our 50/50 chairman, won 1st prize, but the real Santa Claus came by and stole the show.

I want to also thank Lisa MacLeod for her professional photography. She always volunteers her time and takes phabulous photos at so many of our events all year long. I know everyone enjoys them and sends them to their families.

As 2021 may have ended with a bang, we certainly started 2021 in Limbo. Covid had us shut down, and we were not sure where we were headed. I want to thank our Executive Committee, and appointed officers for bringing us back to prominence. Your hard work and dedication is second to none and I applaud you.

And most of all, I want to thank YOU – our club members – for sticking with us and continuing to make us, not only the largest Parrot Head Club in the world, but also the best over all club I have ever been a part of.

We have a lot planned for 2022, starting with the Chili cook-off, then the poker run, pool parties, some great trips, our Homosassa River bash, three phlockings a month, and much more. We are even going to have a Toga party. We also have 5 blood drives with a new motto – “Pints – Let's get 2022 in 2022!”

As you can see, we have a lot going on as we continue to Party With a Purpose, and I urge you to get involved and volunteer. This is what keeps our club great each year. Raise your glass and say the words – “Hey Parrot Heads – WHAT – TIME – IS – IT ? Time for a team drink – whew !!”.



January Phlockings

Wednesday Jan. 5th at Palmer

We return to the Palmer Country Club for the 1st phlocking of 2022. **The Fins Up shop will be Pick UP only.**

We have the singer songwriter Jack Mosley for our entertainment. He plays all over the country and is recognized as one of the top Trop Rockers.

Come to Palmer and see why he has so many fans.

You can click here for a preview: [Jack Mosley - See How I](#)

[Feel - YouTube](#)



Sunday, Jan. 9th at Belle Glade



The party is from 3:30 to 6 PM. **The Phins Up Shop is open.** The music will be provided by Tim Hargis. He will put on a show you don't want to miss.

Click on this link for a preview: [Tim Hargis live at Cody's Original Roadhouse at Brownwood - YouTube](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 19th at Havana CC

The Fins Up Shop is Pick UP Only. This is our lunch Phlocking and goes from 1 to 3:30 PM. Music by Jersey Frank. He's been here before and always gets the house rocking. Preview here: [Jersey Frank My Life - YouTube](#)



The New Highway 1 Band

Parrot Heads lost one of their favorite troprock musicians last year when Joel passed. He wanted the band to continue and that wish is coming true. The new Highway 1 band will be playing at Squid Lips on January 8th in Cocoa Beach. Several Club members are attending and will spend the night at the Days Inn at 5500 Atlantic Avenue. Phone: (321) 784 2550.

Chili Cookoff Is Back On!

On February 5th, 2020 the Chili Cookoff will take place at Lake Sumter Landing. Dale Ross is the event Chairperson and will host the pre-chili cook off at his home on January 20th. That is when a panel of chili tasters will do a blind taste off to determine which recipe will be used to ensure our Club's victory once again. **We need lots of volunteers** to set up, make, stir, and serve the chili, bake the cookies and brownies, sell to the crowd and demonstrate what it means to belong to this club. See the complete list of volunteers needed in the Membership section.

Contact Dale Ross at mrdross1957@gmail.com to volunteer or ask questions.



Super Bowl / Bunco Party

On February 13, 2022, at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center, the Club is having a Super Bowl - Bunco Party. Not everyone is into football so we will have the game on the big screen in front and Bunco tables in the back of the room for this, easy and fun to play dice game. **We are going to have FREE Mystic Ice Cream for 2 hours sponsored by Mark Cline of CFG Capital, our newest Corporate Sponsor.** Tickets will be \$10 per person, no refunds. Tickets go on sale January 1st.



Tampa Bay Downs

On February 26th we have a bus trip to the Tampa Bay Downs Race Track. For \$65 per person you will get the bus transportation, program, a party suite, a lunch buffet. There will be a cash bar and a private betting window. The Party suite has a door leading to covered outdoor seating above the finish line. On race will Parrot Head race and one Club member, drawn by lot, will have their pictures taken with the winning horse and jockey in the Winners Circle. There are only 56 seats on the bus. Tickets go on sale January 1st. This is a great event. Don't miss out.



Poker Run 2022

The Club's annual Poker Run is back! On March 19th, 2022, we will raise money for local charities with a poker run, a basket raffle and lots of fun games. Mark your calendars and get ready to invite your friends and neighbors. It's a fun day you don't want to miss. To be successful, we will need volunteers to solicit businesses, make baskets, and work the event. As we get closer to the date, watch the website, newsletter and Mark the Shark's emails for more information. Our goal is to make the 2022 the best poker run the Club has even held.



Toga Party!!

We might not be members of Delta House at Faber College but we can still throw a Parrot Head Toga Party! Beginning this year, we're going to have an annual Theme Party and we're going to start with one we've never done before. The date is March 30.

Tickets will go on sale on February 1st. Otis Day and the Knights aren't available to play for us but we will have all the same songs from the 60s. This is going to be a party that people talk about for years to come. Don't miss out! Watch Mark the Sharks emails, the website and this newsletter for details.



Club Events

Homosassa Getaway

Yes, we are going to do book the entire Riverside Cracker Resort in Homosassa and have one more weekend, blowout party. It's going to be on Saturday April 29th through May 1st. The Program is:

Friday April 29th: A Jimmy Buffet concert on the big screen as soon as it gets dark.

Saturday April 30th: Mike & Terri perform from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. A Pot Luck dinner from 4 to 6 PM and then music by Highway One from 6 to 9 PM.

Sunday May 1st: Don Middlebrook performs from 1 to 4 pm and then Retro Express finishes up the party with music from 6 to 9 PM.

Reservations will be taken starting Monday January 3rd. Call (352) 628 2474. Don't wait or you will miss out on one of 2022s biggest parties!!



Panama City Beach Rendezvous 2022

This should be on your bucket list! The Panama City Beach Rendezvous for 2022 is on April 21st to the 24th. They set up a stage on the beach behind Sharky's which is the biggest beach bar on Panama City Beach. The Club will bring tents and set them up for members. The bands will play from Thursday through Sunday. Most of our Club's members stay at the Origins at Seahaven which is a high rise condo right across the street. It is a big party that lasts for days. More information at "Panamacityphc.org".

Pool Parties

We are going to break from tradition and have 2 pool parties in 2022 instead of 1. The first one will be at the Mulberry Pool on June 19th

and the 2nd will be at the See Breeze pool on August 28th.

It's too soon to get into the details of each event but we

do know that there will be music, and water, friends, and fun. Mark your calendars now and watch the Newsletter, website and Mark's emails for details.



Happy Birthday Mr. Buffett

Jimmy Buffet celebrated his 75th Birthday on Christmas Day. When asked (Billboard Magazine) where he plans to go from here, Jimmy said, "I'd like finish this rock and roll book I'm working on. It's based on when we went to Montserrat



and did the 1979 *Volcano* album. I'm making it fictitious, but it's based on that whole episode, which you can't believe the shit that happened. I still can't. There are so many stories and I

file them away. It's a funny book, but it's a real rock 'n roll book. It's not a miserable experience, let's just say.

I kept writing some songs, and so instead of some 75th anniversary thing — I don't want to do that — I'd rather put another album out. I've got five songs now. I like what I'm doing. It's a little more kind of down island — authentic Creole and Trinidadian and Calypso kind of Influences are in it."



Results of the December Food Drive

The club donated \$665 dollars of much needed food to the Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry.

January Food Drive

This month's food drive will provide much needed food to the **Fruitland Park Food Pantry and be collected at the Belle Glade Phlocking**. People are usually generous leading up to the holidays. That was last month. The need is always greater following Christmas. Please mark your calendar to remind yourself to buy a few extra cans or jars to bring to Belle Glade.

Charity Survey

The Charity Survey members filled out last year will be used to develop the 2022 Giving Program. The Charity Committee is meeting this month and will develop a plan to donate money to the charities our members selected. The process is to determine the demographics of the people served by the individual organizations and then select the local charity where the Club's donation will have the highest impact. The proposed program will go to the Executive Committee for approval in January.

Poverty Statistics

Your Club decided years ago that the majority of our donations should be directed to local charities. The Villages spans three counties: Sumter, Lake and Marion. Sumter County has 9.2% of their population living below the poverty line. In the city of Wildwood, 18% live below the poverty line. In Marion County, 17.6% of the people live in poverty and in Belleview the number is 22.6%. Lake county comes in at 12.8 percent with Fruitland Park at 14%. When you dig into the statistics, children under 6 years old are always the highest percentage living in poverty.

Our donations help people who live around the Villages.

Toys For Tots

The Club has a long relationship with the Toys For Tots Charity. On November 30th, Chris and Jack Maiz held their second annual toy drop off at their home. The Club donated \$2,200 of toys and cash to make sure that needy local children had a present to open Christmas morning.



January Blood Drive

On January 7th and 8th the Club will hold it's first Blood Drive of 2022. It will be at Fire Station 44 at South West Morris Blvd. and Moyer Loop from 8 AM to 4 PM. Both donors and volunteers are needed. The Club's goal for 2022 is to go over 2,000 pints of blood donated. Last year we had 1,913. We can do better. Out blood saves the lives of people. People who want to donate contact Skip at skip0358@gmail.com and people who want to volunteer should contact Franny at frandurr2@yahoo.com.





New Club Members

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| Debra Smoker-Ali | Joe Kress |
| Keith Barron | Leigh Lape |
| Suzanne Barron | Wanda Lavinsky |
| Peter Brown | Dennis Louthan |
| Stacy Brown | Susan Lynch |
| Cathy Champagne-Brufach | Jean Melicher |
| Christopher Brufach | Kevin Melicher |
| Cheryl Ciecka | Ozvaldo Quinones |
| Ron Ciecka | Loretta Scheider |
| Vincent Ciecka | Diane Schofield |
| Jean Colamarino | Vince Schofield |
| Richard Colamarino | Rex Shriver |
| William Daugherty | Dan Snapp |
| Julie Furrer | Nancy Snapp |
| Craig Hinkeldey | James Stacy |
| Deb Hinkeldey | Judy Stacy |
| Carol Hood | Julia Weber |
| Joseph Hood | Joan Wolfenden |
| James Lape | Nancy Woodward |
| Beverly Kress | Ronald Woodward |



Barb Hopper's Jimmy Buffett Trivia

Jimmy Buffett is one of only seven authors to have a #1 best selling book on both NY Times Fiction and Non-Fiction best sellers list. The other authors are John Steinbeck, Ernest Hemingway, Mitch Albom, William Styron, Irving Wallace, and Dr. Seuss.

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.

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@aol.com.

Security Team Update

The Villages Parrot Head Club has a security team who are Club members and are present at all Club events and wear red shirts. Most of our team have a Law Enforcement/Fire or military background along with EMT or similar First Aid training. When a Club member needs assistance, it is best to let the security team handle it. If additional resources are necessary, the team will call for them. We all want everyone to enjoy a safe and entertaining event. If an incident occurs or you have a concern, please contact a member of the team or Mark the Shark. The best way to help is to stand back and let the team assess the situation and provide the necessary assistance.



Membership

Volunteer Opportunities

Attendance: 3 volunteers are needed for each Phlocking. The times are 2:15-5:30 for Palmer and Belle Glade and from 1:15 to 4:30 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. 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.

Chili Cookoff Volunteers on February 5th.

Set Up: 4 to 5 people to help set up and tents

Stirrers: 6 to 8 people to take turns stirring the chili

Baked Goods: cookies and brownies packaged in 2 x 4 zip lock bags

Crowd Hawkers: unlimited number of people to draw the crowd to our tent.

Teardown: 6 to 8 volunteers will start to tear down when the chili pots are empty.

Email Dale Ross to sign up mrdross1957@gmail.com

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 Web:

Basket Raffle for Poker Run. Terry Ainsley needs a team of volunteers for canvassing businesses between December and March for donations for the poker run basket raffle which will be held on 3/19/22. You can sign up with Terri at any phlocking or email her at mrsa818@gmail.com.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters This charity is seeking people willing to mentor a child from 5 to 13 years old who has requested help. In Wildwood there are children waiting for someone. There is always a shortage of male mentors. For additional information contact: Karen Kampel at (727) 480-8381

Email: KarenK@bbbstampabay.org

Travel Committee

Do you want to get more involved?

Our club is starting to put together some trips for our members. Judy Koch, our Travel Director, has a great committee that discusses bus trips and more. She is always looking for new members and new ideas. Stop by this Thursday, January 13th, at Perkins restaurant on 441/27 to see what it is all about !! Dinner is at 5pm, with the meeting starting around 6pm. And you get 1 Parrot Point for attending.

Some past trips have included: John's Pass, St Augustine, Tampa Downs, Top Golf, Capone's Dinner show, Professional Baseball games, Casinos, Yabor City to name a few. We even went to New Orleans a few years ago.

This is your club. We are only as much fun 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 parteeepar11@aol.com so she can give Perkins a heads up on how to staff the room.



Ren and Gypsy's Drink Of The Month is a Rum Old Fashioned.

This drink was the 2020 World-wide Bartenders Mixology Contest Winning Recipe. The Bartender who won this event works at the Wonderland Bar on the Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas. Once you make one, you'll know why it won.

- ♦ 1 oz Zaya Rum – 16 Year
- ♦ 0.75 oz SelvaRey Cocoa Rum
- ♦ 0.25 oz Hazelnut Syrup
- ♦ 4 dashes Angostura bitters

Stir over ice, pour into a rocks glass and garnish with orange slices and a cherry



Coco-Nutz Monthly Meeting

Your Coco-Nutz meet at El Santiago recreation center on the 3rd Friday each month. Members are welcome to attend and watch the proceedings. This is a big club with lots of activities, trips, parties and charity work. Stop by and see how it all comes together. We all made it to the Christmas Party.



The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett West Nashville Grand Ballroom Gown

Standin' on side of the highway 4 exit
A lady in tie die, a bag by her side
Not really lookin' like anything special
Saw Tennessee tags and she waved for a ride

Sat right beside me as the meter hit sixty
Explainin' her travels and her family background
When she got thru I could not help but thinkin'
She's a long way from a West Nashville
grand ballroom gown

Her father had money and her mother had love
Channeled entirely to her dear sister Dove
Twenty-two years in societies plan
Canceled at the swing of her dear mothers hand

Six hours later we hit Cincinnati
Yawning she woke and asked where we were
When she found out she said "I must be going"
This close to Nashville was too close for her

So I stopped by the roadside and I gave her five dollars
She took it then kissed me and gave me a note
She told me just to read it then mail it in Nashville
On old loose leaf paper to her mother she wrote

She said Momma I'm fine if you happen to wonder
I don't have much money but I still get around
I haven't made church in near thirty-six Sundays
So fuck all those West Nashville grand ballroom gowns

Yea, she's a long way from the West Nashville
Grand ballroom gowns



Member Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Jack Maiz. Jack and his wife Chris live in the Village of Duvall. They moved to the Villages in 2004 and joined the Parrot Head club the same year.

Jack met his wife in High School as freshmen and they have been married 57 years. In addition to their 3 children, they have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren, two who attend the Villages Charter Schools.

Jack was born in Brooklyn and went to high school in West Babylon, Long Island, New York. After High School, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964-1968 and saw service in Vietnam during 1966-67 as a member of Marine Aircraft Group 36 in Ky Ha, Vietnam. He returned to Long Island in 1968, bought a home in Huntington Station and then moved his family to Southern California in May 1976. After the service, he had two careers, the first in law enforcement that lasted for 16 years before he was medically retired. He served as a Police Officer and then Detective with the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Police Department in New York City.

He continued his career in law enforcement moving to California and becoming a member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, The City of Riverside Police Department and the State of California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement & Criminal Investigation. He served in a Federal Task Force of Multiple Agencies for a number of years before retiring.

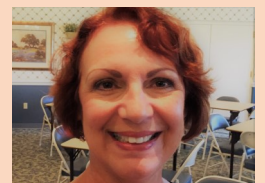
Jack began his second career in the Financial Services Industry in June of 1983 as an Agent/District Agent with Northwestern Mutual Life. In 1988, he was appointed General Agent of The CM Financial Group, with offices in San Diego, CA and Honolulu, Hawaii. He moved to The Villages in June 2004 and formally retired in 2008. In 2012, he started his current company, Safe Harbor Financial and Insurance Services, LLC, focusing on Medicare Planning and Annuities, and became a Corporate Sponsor of the Parrot Head Club.

During their time in the club, Jack has been active with Toys for Tots and served as a liaison between the club and his favorite charity. He has also served as Membership Chairman and currently serves as Member Advocate. You may also have seen Jack and his wife Chris handling the New Member Orientation table at Phlockings.

Jack's two favorite things about the Parrot Heads is their commitment to charitable work and the fun and socializing that happens at Phlockings and Special Events. He's met some very great people in this club over the years and says it continues to get better every year.

His advice to any new member is to jump in and get involved. There are many Volunteer opportunities in our club and it's a great way to meet other members.

Interview by Alma Berryman Scheer





LET'S CHECK THE SCORECARD. CONGRATULATIONS
AT THE END OF 2020 WE HAD 581 MEMBERS OF WHICH 545 WERE RENEWING MEMBERS.
WE ENDED 2021 WITH 1150 TOTAL MEMBERS
THIS YEAR WE ALREADY HAVE 910 TOTAL MEMBERS OF WHICH 763 ARE RENEWING!
AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED THE NEW YEAR!
WAY TO GO VILLAGES PARROTHEADS

| 2021 to 2022 ADVANCE MEMBERSHIPS | |
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| 910 TOTAL MEMBERS | 581 TOTAL MEMBERS |
| 137 NEW MEMBERS | 36 NEW MEMBERS |
| 763 RENEWING MEMBERS | 545 RENEWING MEMBERS |

And from me to you, Thanks

T'was the night before New Year's and The Parrot Heads prepped
For the best Party ever, while everyone slept
And we spoke of what happened in the year just completed
Of what we expected and what we all needed.

2021, when we should have recovered
Started out just as lousy as we all soon discovered
That masks, shots and closures dampened our expectations
Staying six feet apart added to our frustrations

And we all chose our teams, As if playing a game
Wear your mask, no I won't, Hit the Squares, are you lame!
And some simply felt that the crisis had passed
While others knew better, it would come again fast

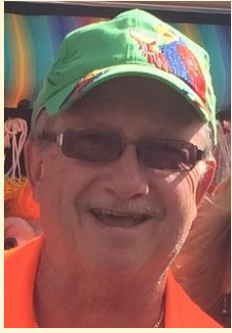
By March we felt ready and held our first Phlocking
And attendance was mixed, why was that so shocking
And all through the year, though we did start out slow
By August we felt we were back in the show

So we welcome you back, Over 900 strong
And prepare for the future, and hope we're not wrong
But the one thing we've learned, as we start to recover
Our Parrot Heads know, that we still have each other

MARK The Webmaster

Let's all hope that 2022 brings us comfort and confidence that the pandemic is under control and
we can really start to live again.

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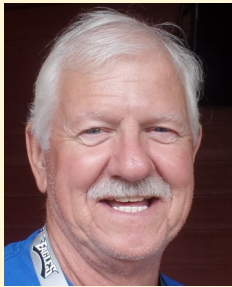
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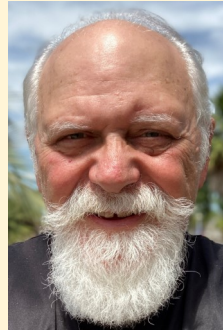
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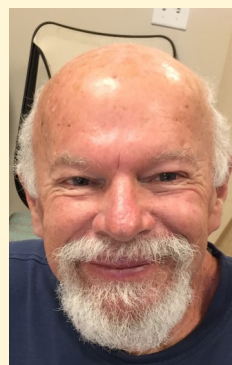
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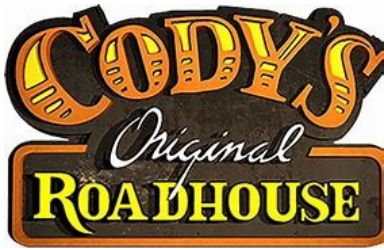
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Article from the November's Issue of Lake and Sumter Style by James Combs

Meet a club that comes together for fun and charity. They don't have meetings. They have phlockings. They don't have a good time. They have phun. Ask them about their phavorite songs, and you'll likely receive answers like "Come Monday" and "Son of a Son of a Sailor."

Good times, good music, and charitable work are all a big part of being members of The Villages Parrot Heads Club, which has a propensity for substituting the letters "ph" (for parrot head) in words that start with the letter "f." When you think Parrot Head, you think Jimmy Buffet. And when you think Jimmy Buffet, you think "Margaritaville." The term Parrot Head and Jimmy Buffet became intertwined in 1985 during a concert in Ohio. Those in the audience wore tropical dresses, Hawaiian shirts, and put inflatable parrots on their head. Parrot Heads were born and soon spread their wings to create clubs throughout the country.

Today, more than 200 Parrot Head clubs exist. With 1,150 members, The Villages Parrot Heads Club is the country's largest. Jimmy's songs about island escapism appeal to his legion of fans. "It's not that we're all die-hard Jimmy Buffet fans," says Mark "The Shark" Woodland, who is president of the club. "We like what he sings about. His songs are about maintaining a relaxing lifestyle, enjoying yourself, and helping others."

Of course, Mark is a big fan of Jimmy. He has attended 23 of his concerts and will attend his 24th concert in December. He joined the club immediately after moving to The Villages in 2014. "We're retired now," he says. "We want to relax and have something to look forward to each week." That's one reason why the club's motto is "party with a purpose." Yes, there are times members don Hawaiian shirts and floppy hats with their toes dug into a sandy beach while sipping on a "frozen concoction" or munching on a "cheeseburger in paradise."

"Our club members went to a hotel in Daytona and brought in four bands that played in two days," Mark says. "We relaxed, danced, and listened to music. We had a great time."

The club has a travel committee that organizes trips. Past getaways have included dinner shows in Orlando and driving to Mount Dora for the Christmas light show. However, life as a club member isn't all about beaches, booze, and boats. They like to party, yes, but they also engage in considerable philanthropic activities. For instance, members organize annual golf cart poker runs and golf tournaments, both of which raise between \$15,000 to \$20,000. They donated to organizations such as Cornerstone Hospice, Operation Shoebox, Wildwood Middle School, and Shepherd's Lighthouse. They also hold the second-largest blood drive in Florida. In 2021, members donated 1,500 pints of blood. One pint of blood can potentially save three lives, according to the American Red Cross.

"The people in our club are so generous and friendly," Mark says. "We're great about helping people, and that's why our club has such a good reputation and why we get so many members. Each day, we aim to leave the world a little better than we found it. Our members definitely accomplish that."

Steve Larson agrees. He has been a member for 10 years and organizes the club's newsletter and website. "This club is my primary social circle in The Villages," he says. "I love the people, the parties, and the trips. I also love helping people who need help."

Indeed, Parrot Heads are a phun and phantastic group of people. For more information, visit villageparrotheads.com.

The Club's By Laws require that a member in good standing circulate a petition signed by 10% of the members before the Executive Committee can consider amending the By Laws. This provision was put in place on December 11, 2011. The Executive Committee has received two petitions signed by the required 10% of the members, met with the petitioners, and approved each proposed amendments for consideration by the membership. The voting will take place in February 2022.

By Law Amendments Ballot

The following two proposed By Law amendments have been submitted to the Executive Committee by petition as provided for in Section XI of the Club's By Laws. After review, the Executive Committee recommends approval by the membership.

Amendment 1: Insert the following sentence into Article XI: "The Executive Committee shall be authorized to present By Law amendments to the Club's membership for approval. "

Vote : Yes _____ No _____

Amendment 2: Change Article VI. C. 2. To read (Elections) "Shall be open to all active members in good standing, defined as being a currently paid-up member as of 10th of the month prior to the election month, each having one (1) vote."

Vote : Yes _____ No _____