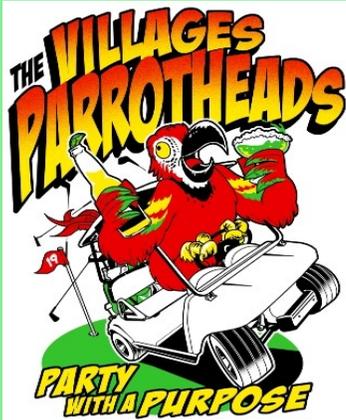


CoCo-Nutz's Telegraph

October 2022 Edition



President's Corner

It is unfortunate that we had to cancel our Daytona Beach Bash, but as we count our blessings here in the Villages that Hurricane Ian, mostly passed us by, we can't help but think of our family, friends, and fellow Parrot Heads, south of us, who have had such devastating consequences from this monstrous storm. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them as they move forward. Hopefully all are safe. Life will get back to normal, but it will take time and tears.

I want to give a shout out to Bob Slaninka, Terry Wallace, Dave Walls, Bob Williams, and the entire committee for all the hard work they put into making our golf tournament the most successful we have ever had. All the Volunteers, the golfers, our sponsor – Steetrod Golf carts, and all who donated deserve a round of thanks. Because of all of you, we will be presenting a check for \$30,000 to the Alzheimer's Association – "The Longest Day" at our Belle Glade Phlocking on October 9th. A team drink to you all for a job well done.

Thanks also to Skip Todd, Frannie Durr, all the volunteers and donors at our September 11th blood drive. For the first time, we passed Daytona speedway on race weekend. We collected 395 pints of blood which can help save the lives of up to 1185 people. Our next blood drive is November 11th & 12th, which is our veteran's day drive. It is also our battle of the services so when you give let them know which branch you support the most. It should be a good drive.

Our Halloween party this month is SOLD OUT, however, from time to time, members can't make it and put their tickets up for sale on our facebook page so keep an eye out.

And don't miss the Heritage parade at Spanish Springs town square on October 7th. If you can't walk with us, please come out and cheer us on. Parade starts at 3:15 but you better get there early.

That's all for now Parrot Heads. Keep your Phins Up __^__ C U all soon !!!

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Wednesday, October 5 Phlocking

The first Phlocking of October will be at the Palmer Country Club from 3:30 until 6 PM. **Phins Up Shop opens at 3:30 for Pick Up Only.** We have a brand new band to give us our favorite songs. Retro Express added Gary Senator and a new name: **Island Express.**



Sunday, October 9th Phlocking

We will have our 2nd Phlocking at Belle on October 9th beginning at 3:30 and running until 6 PM. **The Phins Up Shop is Open.** We have a rare treat because Mark the



Shark will become Mark the DJ and play anything you want to hear. You may even become part of the show!

Wednesday, October 19th Phlocking



The last Phlocking of October will be held at the Havana Country Club from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. **Phins Up Shop is open for pick up only.**

Jack Mosley is back. For those who haven't seen him, you are in for a treat. He is one of the top recognized trop rock song writer and musician.

Jack has performed all over the United States and the Caribbean and has opened shows for artist such as Johnny Cash, Tanya Tucker, Phil Vassar, The Warren Brothers, and Bad Company to name a few. You don't want to miss this Phlocking.

Heritage Parade

This year's Heritage Parade will be held at Spanish Springs on October 7th. This is a combination of the German Parade and Italian Parade that was held years ago. Our club usually has the most walkers but our count is low this year. If you are able to, please come out and walk with us. It is less than a one mile parade that starts behind the Rialto Theater and continues around the square and then back. We are permitted 10 carts but they are already filled up and they are strict about that. They say we can have up to 30 walkers, but for the St Patrick's day parade, we had over 100. This is a lot of phun !!

Email Sally Bottke (sallyronbottke@aol.com) if you want to participate.

Halloween Party



The Club's annual Halloween Party is on October 22nd at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. Always a fun time with some of the most creative costumes imaginable. This year Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs will be playing. They are one of the top dance bands that play in the Villages.

The ticket price is \$20 each, BYOB plus food. This isn't a catered event. And as we do each year, we will be collecting for the food banks. This year they have asked us for donations of cash or grocery store gift cards so they can purchase produce. We are asking for a minimum of a \$5 donation. Let's help feed people who are hungry.



Christmas Parade

The Villages Recreation Office has announced that there will be a Christmas Parade on December 2nd at Spanish Springs. It's another chance for the Club to demonstrate to everyone who isn't a Parrot Head that we are the best Club in the Villages. Watch Mark's emails for more information.

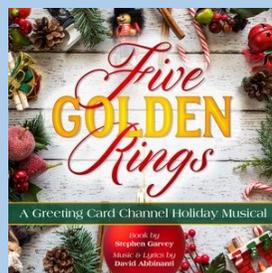


Mt. Dora Christmas Lights and Show

On December 9th at 3 PM a bus will depart from the Walmart (on 466) parking lot and transport you to Mt. Dora. When the sun goes down (5:30 pm) over 2 million Christmas lights will be turned on which is guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. After you have dinner (you're on your own to pick one of the many restaurants) you will be back on the bus for a short ride to the Sonnentag Theatre at the Ice House. The show you will see is "Five Golden Rings" which is a holiday musical. The stage show is from 8 to 10 PM. You should be back in the Villages by 11PM. Cost is \$55 per person (\$30 for the bus and \$25 for the show), no refunds. Tickets go on sale October 15th. Online purchase only. Don't miss this once a year Christmas trip!

Chairperson Bonnie Walls (904) 505 1681

Assist. Chair Pat Gill (732) 6107147



Holiday Party

This Holiday Party will be held on December 15th at the Colony Recreation Center. Cody's will cater the event.

The music will be provided by the Missing Links which is a 5 piece rock band. If you like dancing to the Rolling Stones, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Grand Funk Railroad, you better get tickets for this party. Judy Turner is the Chairperson and tickets will go on sale on November 1st.



New Years Eve Party

This is definitely one fine way to ring in 2023. The party will be at the Savannah Recreation Center. This is a BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything). The Club provides the room, the party hats and horns, the atmosphere and the Rock and Roll music which will be made by Woody and the Long Boards. Start making plans with your Club friends to end 2022 with this big party.





Club Cruise 2023

On the last page of this newsletter is the flyer for the Club's eight day Caribbean Cruise in February 2023. Many of the new members have not had the opportunity to go on a Parrot Head cruise.

Ours provide an unusual experience. The easiest way to explain the difference is: going to a party where you don't know anyone and going to a party with your friends. Even if you don't know many of your fellow club members when you get on the boat, you will when you get off. We do things together. That means lots of bar crawls, game playing and eating as a group. So far Club members have booked over 50 rooms. I can't think of a better way to establish new social relationships than to go on a cruise with a 100 new soon to be, friends.

Judy Turner has already booked a meeting room for February 3rd, 2023 for a pre-cruise meeting for everyone so she can explain what they have planned and how we can maximize the fun.

Meeting Of The Minds

The 30th annual "Meeting Of The Minds" international Parrot Head convention, is being held in Key West FL, Nov 2nd-Nov 6th, 2022, for the last time in Key West.

Hurricane Ian may or may not be a spoiler. If the party is still on, you can bet there have been cancellations. If so, it's not too late to go. Life is short, Key West memories last forever.

If you are planning on attending you need to email our MOTM convention chair, Sue Kermis to let us know the dates you are attending, where you are staying, your email address and phone number, so Sue can keep you informed of what is going on. Sue does a great job with this and you do not want to miss her information.

Sue's email is skermis1@yahoo.com. For more information about the event and registering go to <https://motm.rocks/>. There is a Meet and Greet on October 25 at the home of Sue Kermis for anyone going to Key West.

Member Travel Classified

This section is devoted to members who have made travel plans and would like to share them with other members. They know it's more fun to travel with fellow Parrot Heads than by yourself. **These are not sanctioned Club trips.**

- Dave Macaulay & Judy Christie are going on a 7 port, 13 day Norwegian Cruise leaving April 15th out of Miami. This is a "LANDSHARK" (Buffett Tribute Band) special entertainment cruise. With 120+ already registered to go and 6 Parrot Head friends in our group so far. If you are interested contact Dave at 407-383-2530.

Golf Scramble

The last Golf Scramble of 2022 was held at Sweetgum Golf Course on 9/25. The winner was Don Helsel (wearing the orange shirt). Mike Hamilton and Joe Huto were in second place with 4-under score of 24.



Panama Beach Rendezvous

Panama City Beach Parrot Head Club's Rendezvous is on for 2023! The only detail we have at this time is the dates are Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23. Friday and Saturday are non-stop beach concerts held behind Sharky's. Most of us stay at the [Origin at Seahaven](#) condos across the street. Watch for updates in the Newsletter and emails from Mark. This is a big, fun event.

Club Events

Travel Committee

Members who responded to last month's Travel Committee Survey results have been tabulated. The Christmas trip to see the Mt. Dora lights received more votes than a trip to St. Augustine. The rest of the votes, by order of popularity were Capones Dinner Theater, Victory Casino Cruise, Tampa Downs Race Track, Travers Bar Crawl, Tarpon Springs day trip, John's Pass day trip, New Orleans bus trip, All Inclusive Caribbean Vacation, Universal Bar Crawl, Medieval Times, Ybor City Bar Crawl, Clearwater Aquarium, Disney Springs, Ocala Equestrian Center, and a day trip to Weekie Wachee Springs.

We will have a trip to Mt. Dora in December and we have volunteers working on Tarpon Springs and a bus trip to watch "Escape to Margaritaville" at the Hudson Dinner Theater.

We need to do more. More people need to step up, join the Travel Committee and run an event. There is a process to make each event a success. Here it is:

1. Attend a travel meeting and volunteer to chair a trip. It can be one we've already done or a brand new trip.
2. Create a flyer for the trip. You will have help doing this step.
3. The Events Trustee (Judy Koch) will then get the date and flyer approval from the Coco-Nuts and when approved, contract for the bus transportation.
4. You will fill out a media sheet, which will be provided, and send to Mark Goldberg to advertise the event and to set up online ticket sales.
5. Keep in touch with Mark Goldberg as ticket sales progress and a final attendance sheet.
6. Arrive at the bus location about a half hour before the trip and check everyone in before you leave take a head count.
7. Keep your group aware where the bus will be when you leave and time also anything they need to know while you are at your destination.
8. Upon leaving take a head count that matches your previous one. Your attendance sheet will have cell phone numbers so you can find anyone who is missing.

9. When the bus arrives home after everyone leaves the bus check the bus to make sure there is nothing left. Keep a eye out to make sure everyone's car starts.
10. Fill out a wrap up sheet and forward it to Judy.

While it might sound like a lot, it really isn't. You will have all the help you need and after you get one trip under your belt, you'll want to do another because the people who attend the event will have fun, they will get to know you and they will appreciate that you stepped forward.

October's Travel Committee meeting is on the second Thursday (10/13) at the Perkins Restaurant on 441 near Spanish Springs. Come for dinner at 5 and the meeting starts at 6 PM. Email Judy at parteeepar11@aol.com if you are planning to attend so we can tell the Perkins's staff how many to set up for.

Parrot Heads in Paradise Website

PHIP (Parrot Heads in Paradise) is our Charter organization. If you haven't been to their new website (www.php.com), you need to go and browse to see what an incredible organization we are a part of. Over the last 11 years, PHIP and its clubs around the world have contributed \$29.8 million to charities.

PHIP also has it's own monthly Newsletter which you can access from the website. The website also has a listing of links to websites that feature Trop Rock music. Our annual dues to PHIP are \$1 a year per person. What a deal!!! Check it out.



Charity News

September Food Drive

The Food Drive last month produced nearly \$700 in donated food and cash. Thank you. This was the best we've done in several months.



October Food Drive

The Lady Lake Food Pantry will receive our donations this month. The collection will take place at the **Belle Glade Phlocking**. Mark it on your calendar and pick up a few extra staples at the store. This food pantry serves a surprising number of older Villages who have outlived their savings. Please be generous.

September 11th and 12th Blood Drive

This was one of our best Blood Drives. We collected 395 pints of blood which brings us up to 1,500 for the Year. In addition to blood, members donated time to help make this a success. 251 volunteer points were earned.

Donation to Project SOS

On September 21st the Club donated \$3,000 to Project Save Our Soldiers. The Big Check was accepted by Gary Kadow, President and Founder of the organization.



Dear Parrot Heads,

Thank you for the donation of \$3,000 that you gave to Project SOS-Support Our Soldiers, Inc. Because of your generosity Project SOS will be able to continue to provide assistance to our Military Families here in the Tri-County area who are homeless and in need.

Two years ago, when Covid19 devastated our country and hundreds of Veterans in our area lost their jobs and their housing, Project SOS came very close to having to close its doors, but then this wild group called the Parrot Heads who "party with a purpose" stepped forward helped once again to fund our operation until we got back on our feet. Thanks to your organization we survived Covid 19 and everything else that came our way during those difficult years. YOU have now become our largest club donor and helped to improve and also literally saved hundreds of lives within our military families.

I know when I say you helped save lives that may sound a little extreme, but it's absolutely true. Everyday in this country approximately 23 military veterans take their own lives out of hopelessness and desperation. In order to provide for the families, they often give up their lives for their families and the life insurance their spouses and children will receive from the government. Sadly that number has increased this year once again. Our job at Project SOS isn't just to provide food, medicine, shelter and so on, it is to give them hope and restore their self-worth and pride once again. They risked their lives for the freedom and liberty we so enjoy today, and we owe them nothing less than our love and support. Your organization has provided both of these necessities, and may God bless you for that.

Today we are providing support and hope to over 850 families including over 300 infants and children. We also have provided 132 military children with scholarships, as education is truly the only way to break the bonds of poverty. I am forever in your debt, all of you will remain in my prayers.

Sincerely, Gary Kadow



Golf Outing Results

Wow! The Village Parrot Heads hit a home run! The Golf Outing held on September 14 produced a donation of \$30,000 to the Alzheimer's Association which will be presented at the Belle Glade Phlocking on October 9th. The hard work paid off. Thanks go out to the participants, volunteers and organizers.

Below is listed the businesses and individuals who purchased sponsorships and made donations.

Gold Sponsor:

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Donations:

Phillips-Buick in Leesburg
Sportsmans Warehouse in Lady Lake
Gators Dockside in Spanish Springs
Too Jays in Sumter Landing
The Rustic Rose Fashion Boutique in Brownwood Square
Spruce Creek Golf Course
Baseline Golf Course
The Tire Choice in Colony Plaza
TeesNGreens in Lake Sumter Landing
Ace Hardware in Wildwood
Harbour Hills CC
Fiesta Grande in Colony Plaza
Hand and Stone in Sarasota Plaza
Oakwood Smokehouse Grill
Villages Car Wash
Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Wildwood Tire Co in Wildwood
Cottage Garden in
Wildwood
Pharm Stand in Brownwood Square next to Cody's
David's Distribution (Margaritaville Merchandise)
Terry and Mary Wallace
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Gary Wallace
Doug and Cherrine Woolard
Michael Alaimo
Mary Beth Cercides
Jason Cercides
Judy Harnetiaux
Aaron Livingston
Mona Glenn

Charity News

Operation Shoe Box Fundraiser

On September 27th the Club held its annual Operation Shoebox Fundraiser. Hurricane Ian didn't stop the party. We raised \$2,500. Pictured below is the Big Check presented to Suzi Dobrowolski. A special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor FertiGator for providing the door prize.



"All I can say is this club rocks. Total for tonight's fundraiser \$2,500, the Shoebox ladies sold \$657 in wine bags and snap purses, they had \$89 in their donation jar and \$20 from the Durrs equal \$3,266. Thank you to FertiGator for donating the booze wagon. At \$12.47 a box, you have provided shipping for 261 boxes equaling 1,305 smiles on our Troops faces. Thank you so much this will help with the 15,000 requests we have." Susie Dobrowolski

Cody's November Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the November 22nd Cody's fundraiser for Ocala's SPCA. This door prize will be \$600 in gift gas cards donated by Village Valet Property Management, LLC who is our newest Corporate Sponsor.

November Blood Drive

The last Blood Drive of the year will be held at the Fire Station on November 11 & 12. Make a commitment to yourself to donate. It's actually good for you, it saves lives, you feel good about yourself and the hot dogs are awesome.

Annual Charity Survey

Each year the Club conducts a survey to determine which non-profit charities that our members want to support in the following year. Once completed, the Charity Committee reviews the survey results, develops a Giving Plan and recommends it to the Coco-Nutz for approval. This year's survey will be held in November at each of our Phlockings. The survey will also be published in the November Newsletter for people who cannot attend a phlocking.

Hurricane Ian Relief

We all feel blessed here in the Villages that Hurricane Ian passed us with minimal damage. We are saddened by the devastation that this storm caused to our friends, family, and fellow Parrot Heads in SW Florida.

We have decided to dedicate October to Hurricane Relief. At each of our October phlockings we will have donation buckets. You can donate by cash or check made out to the "Villages Parrot Heads Club" and put "Hurricane relief" in the memo field. All of our proceeds from 50/50 during October will be donated.

If you are unable to make a phlocking in October and you would like to contribute, you can mail a check to The Villages Parrot Heads Club, c/o Barb Beil, 449 Ingleside Dr, The Villages FL 32162.

The club will then match the money raised using our charity money and any money left over from our Daytona Beach Bash registration to help those in need.

All proceeds will be donated to the Lone Palm Foundation which helps those Parrot Heads hit with natural disasters. The Lone Palm Foundation is a not-for-profit charity run by the Parrot Heads in Paradise which is our founding organization. The motto of the Lone Palm Foundation is "Parrot Heads helping Parrot Heads". The Lone Palm's website is "lonepalmfoundation.org" and it explains the process of applying for relief funds.



New Club Members

Linda Adornetto
Carrie Andrews
Tom Andrews
Ken Daniels
Jim Gerke
Marsha Pasquarella
John Swift



Facebook Advertising

On a test basis for the remainder of this year, our Corporate Sponsors are going to be allowed to post one advertisement a week on our Club’s Facebook Page. They are a valuable asset to our Club because they help us raise money for the local charities we support.

Member Discounts

Two of our Corporate Sponsors are now giving discounts to Club members. Lake Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC is giving a 10% discount to Club members and FertiGator is giving members \$25 dollars off.



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



Golden Coconut Award

In 1996, Margaritaville and Parrot Heads In Paradise, Inc. decided to create an award to be given to a deserving Parrot Head Club, emblematic and in recognition of the outstanding Charitable and Environmental efforts of ALL Parrot Head Clubs.

The competition for the coveted award is waged through a “blind essay” submitted to an illustrious panel of judges composed of previous Golden Coconut Award recipients. Bestowed upon the winning chapter, the Golden Coconut is a one of a kind trophy designed, hand-crafted and presented by our friends at Margaritaville Key West during the annual Meeting of the Minds.

You can read our Club’s 2022 application essay written by Mac O’Sharky, a reporter for the mythical Clamshell News, an underwater magazine, on pages 18 and 19 of this Newsletter.



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.

Advocate. He is





Membership

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 1:00 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: tvrhypo@centflhealth.org

Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages needs help. Jobs 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, please email: Heidi Gaumet hgaumet@cshospice.org.

When you volunteer, Show UP!

When you volunteer, you reserve a spot on a team or a crew and once the available slots are filled, new volunteers are turned away. When you don't show up, we are short handed and whatever we're doing is more difficult for the people who did show up. We realize that there are circumstances that can arise that prevent someone who has volunteered from attending. In that case, the person should advise us that they won't be there so we can fill that slot with someone else. **Please, if you volunteer, show up. If you can't let us know.**

Ren and Gypsy's Drink of the Month

This month you don't have to buy special ingredients to concoct a tasty adult beverage because October's drink is the Hurricane Repellent. Too bad we didn't have it in September. It's a really simple drink because it's equal parts Fireball and Pineapple Juice. Mix equal portions over crushed ice and while it may not actually keep hurricanes away, after several of these, you won't care. Ren and Gypsy have said that 5 will relieve all anxiety symptoms.



Membership

2022 Call For Nominations

My Fellow Parrot Heads:

There are many ways to participate and/or serve our club; one such option is to seek position on the Executive Committee (become a Coco-Nutz). Each elected officer serves a two-year term. As per our By-Laws, the positions are staggered bi-annually. This current cycle the positions open for election are the following:

- President
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Community Relations Trustee

I encourage you to review our By-laws found on the Club's website for specific details/responsibilities of each positions.

Process for Nomination is simple

1. Be a member in good standing and current with your dues,
2. Submit an email to the Election chair before the end of October 2022 stating your name and contact info and the position you are seeking (ONLY ONE POSITION)
3. Send E-mails to KFullerfla@gmail.com

I wish all of you the best and thank you for your participation in this process.

Kevin Fuller
Election Chair



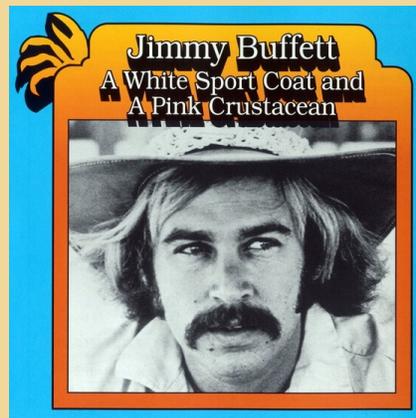
Barb's Trivia Question

Jimmy Buffett has two sisters. Can you name one?
Answer on Page 16.

The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett

My Lovely Lady, written in 1973

*When I pay my bills
Gonna leave these Tennessee hills
Take my lady to the sea
That's where we both come from
That's where we both belong
Think I'll go back to the Keys
I don't want the fame that brings confusion
Where people recognize you on a plane
All I want's the quiet and the comforts
That livin' with my lovely lady brings
Somehow we survived the double talk and jive
Things are looking better all the time
I owe her all I can 'cause she made me understand
The simple way that we should live our lives
Let me tell you now she can eat her own weight in crab meat
And there's plenty of that down there by the sea
Well we're sailin' in those warm December breezes
Sendin' picture postcards back to Tennessee
Yes and I don't want the fame that brings confusion
Where people recognize you on a plane
All I want's the quiet and the comforts
That livin' with my lovely lady brings*



Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Bob Veurink. Bob and his wife Gloria live in the Village of Pine Ridge. They moved in a year ago this past May. They find their location very convenient. They are about equal distance from Brownwood Paddock Square and Lake Sumter Landing, and being on the far East end of The Villages, Bob said they can get out of the bubble quite easily and see the real world.

Bob enjoys playing golf and currently his only club involvement is with the Parrot Heads.

Bob and Gloria were both born and raised in Western Michigan. Before moving to The Villages Bob was a General Building Contractor. He did work in Michigan and has lived in Florida for 36 years doing the same kind of work. He was involved primarily in residential building including single family homes and condos and did a small amount of commercial building as well. He and Gloria are currently adjusters for insurance companies working in areas that have experienced natural disasters.

A friend of Bob and Gloria's who moved here before they did brought them by one of the Parrot Head Phlockings. They had always been Jimmy Buffet fans so they decided to join the club.

Bob was a great help to the club for our recent golf outing to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. He was instrumental in obtaining donations from local businesses and also from some individuals who worked for businesses he approached. This effort was really close to Bob's heart because it affects so many of us at our age and has touched almost everyone's life in some way. They only had six weeks to pull this event together and it was hugely successful raising about \$30,000 for the cause.

Our club motto of Party with a Purpose is what Bob really loves about the club. He said everyone loves to party but to be able to give to the local schools, food pantries, and other local charities makes it really special for him. Bob mentioned that meeting people at the Phlockings beyond the basic exchange of names and where you are from can be a bit of a challenge because there's so much going on with the music and dancing and announcements and so on. He found that by joining in on one of the volunteer opportunities allowed for deeper friendships to form and would recommend new members give it a try!

Interview by Alma-Rose Scheer





2021 TOTAL MEMBERS	1150
2022 TOTAL MEMBERS	1384
2021 NOT RENEWED 2022	331
2022 NEW MEMBERS	477
2022 RENEWING MEMBERS	907
2022 INCREASED MEMBERSHIP	234

2022- We're back!!- That's right, we're back and we're growing. We finished 2021 with 1150 members. Every year, there is an expected turnover and last year was no different. There were 331 members who did not rejoin in 2022. There are many reasons for this as you can imagine, However, we had 477 new members join in 2022.

We finished 2022 with 1384 members, an increase of 234 members. That's an increase of over 20%. Nicely done.

2023 MEMBERSHIP- That's right, for Villages Parrot Heads, New Year's comes early. Well, at least being able to get your 2023 membership does. Beginning on October 1st, NEW and RENEWAL 2023 memberships become available. Your 2023 membership runs through Dec. 31, 2023. So why join now instead of waiting. Well, how about for the chance to win big money ? Any one who RENEWS before Jan 1 st , 2023, will be entered into our RENEWAL

DRAWING. Names will be picked at random to win:

- 1st Prize.....\$300.00
- 2nd Prize.....\$200.00
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One final note about EARLY RENEWAL- Do you know that out of 1384 members in 2022, over 925 took advantage of EARLY RENEWAL. This year, be one of them.

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GOOD	1243	1159	1240	1233
INVALID	18	102	21	28
TOTAL	1261	1261	1261	1261

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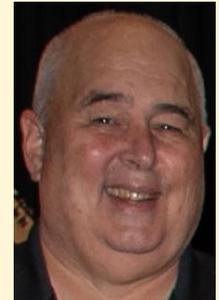
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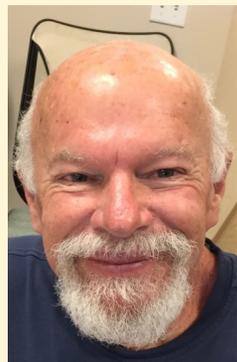
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Jimmy Buffett's first wife's name was Margie Washichek

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Answer to Barb’s Trivia question: Loraine Marie (Lori) and Lucy Ann (Lucy)



September 2022



Submission for PPIP Golden Coconut Award

Hello – my name is Mac O’Sharky. I am a shark who writes stories for the Clamshell News, an underwater magazine. My editor put me on assignment to see what these land people called “parrotheads” are and what their motto – “Party with a Porpoise” - is all about. So, I decided to go undercover and come out of the water. I tracked down a particular club and (in no particular order), this is what I found.

The first thing I noticed is that they like to get together in schools (clubs) of parrotheads and listen to what they call “Trop Rock” music which was all started by a guy named Jimmy Buffett. They also like to dance, and they get together very often, and I mean often. This club has a phlocking each of the first 3 weeks every month, each with live entertainment. They throw their money into a bucket called 50-50 and some of them even get some back. The rest all goes to charity and they really raise a lot of it. They also get together on the 4th week with a fundraiser for a specific charity like schools, operation shoebox, Patriot Dogs and more. Members come and enjoy live entertainment and donate to these worthwhile causes. Sometimes they have a “2 o’clock” somewhere party (I think it has something to do with a song) or a pop-up party, but they get together allot and give out a lot of checks to charities.

Many times they hold other parties for their members. I found out that they usually hold a valentines day party each year, but the change in the date for the Superbowl made this not possible. So, they did something completely different. They decided to go back to their college and high school days and hold a “Toga Party”. They expected maybe half of the attendees to wear a toga, but to my surprise and delight, about 9 in 10 were wearing togas. Some looked good. Some not so good. All in all, it was a phun night of dancing and partying with a phantastic DJ.

Their spooktacular Halloween party was a real fright. The costumes were phintastic as usual and prizes were awarded to the best individuals and groups. Again, they were asked to help others, and all members were asked to bring a donation of cash or food to help the hungry in the area for this party. Helping the food banks in the area is a big thing for these members. I went as me, a shark, but no one recognized me and I did not win a prize. Then there was a terrific Holiday party for the members with a band called the Caribbean Chillers and a New Year’s Eve party for members, family, and friends, where they danced the night away and watched the ball drop from time square on a big screen.

One of the most phun things I participated in was their annual Poker run/basket raffle for charity, where members travel to different destinations to obtain cards for their poker hands. Afterwards there was a basket raffle, and once again the members came through with donations. They even hit up the restaurants and businesses in the area. Overall there were over 100 baskets raffled off, with all the proceeds going to local charities. They broke their record this year for charity money raised at this event. And of course, there was more entertainment. A classic rock/trop rock band was playing outside as members and phriends were picnicking, dancing, and having phun. The smell of dogs and burgers filled the air all afternoon as everyone danced and sang to some phavorite tunes. Personally, I like the song “Fins”. Even the dunk tank was for charity. Their club president was last and got the most participants as he teased and provoked many people to want to throw that beanbag and soak him. “You couldn’t hit the side of a parrot house” and “Arrr – your sister’s got a better arm than you” were some of the more quotable lines, but there were many others (which I choose not to be put in this article) flowing also. I tried my luck throwing the bean bags but didn’t do too good with these fins.

I didn't bring my golf clubs but everyone was playing golf in their annual golf tournament for Alzheimer's research. There were some good golfers and some not so good golfers, but I think everyone had fun. They raised a lot of money that day and almost all the participants took home some type of prize and a goody bag. They even had a party afterwards to give out the awards.

I was having so much fun with this club that I attended a concert with a Jimmy Buffett cover band with them. I even donned a "Margaritaville shirt". I was now becoming one of them. There were over 100 people in a conga line dancing around the theater to a song called "Volcano". Some took a picture, and you can see me enjoying myself. Check out the picture of me below.

I followed them all over the state. They went to a beach town and had trop rock bands from all over come in and play for them. Another time I followed them to a river town where they did the same thing. It seems like they really enjoy the entertainment and helping others. Some of them even went to other club events near the oceans and bays. Wow what fun this club has. And each party seems to help some other charity organization. I'm beginning to sense a pattern here.

Something that really impressed me was when the club leaders met with other club leaders from around the state. They had a conference to see what they could do to help their clubs to become better. This was something special that you don't see in volunteer organizations. My congrats to all for a job well done.

One of the most fascinating things I saw was when all these red busses came up to a firehouse and these parrot-heads lined up to get jabbed with what looked like hooks allowing their blood to come out into plastic bags. I know that I do not like getting stuck with a hook, but these folks did it almost 5 times each in a year. Afterwards they were rewarded with a hotdog and soda. Didn't sound like much reward to me at the time. But later I learned that just one pint of blood can help save the lives of up to 3 people each. They sure helped a lot of people this year.

With all this research, I learned that this club likes to have fun and listen to good music. I found out that these parrot-heads don't do it for the reward, they do it to help others. And thus, the term "Party with a Porpoise" was incorrect. It is "Party with a PURPOSE", and this club sure knows how to do that.

To end this article, I give a big "Fins Up" to this parrot-head club and to all the clubs for what they do to leave the world a little better than they found it each day.

Respectfully Submitted:

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