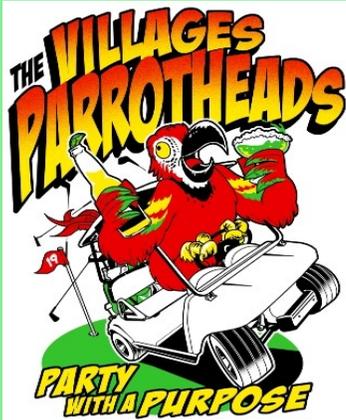


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February 2023 Edition



President's Corner

2023 started off with a bang. Three(3) great Phlockings with some new music by Dan Flok and Gary Phillips. Then, one of our Phavorites, Tim Hargis, had us up dancing at a very cold Phlocking at Belle Glade CC. Warmer weather is coming with some of our phavorite entertainers in February.

Our first blood drive was a huge success with over 300 pints of blood donated. This helped save the lives of over 900 people. Way to go Parrot heads. A team drink to Skip Todd and all who

helped out.

At our annual Volunteer Appreciation party, we gave out our 2022 volunteer pins to those who had accumulated enough Volunteer "Parrot" points over 2022. We also added seven (7) new Golden Parrot Award winners. This award is for those members who have constantly stepped up and helped make our club the best it has ever been. Thanks to Sue Kermis, who always does a fantastic job organizing this event. And a "Team Drink" to all the recipients. We continue to need "New Blood", so Please help us out.

We held our first ever – Parrot Head Golf Cart Gasparilla Invasion, and what a huge success this was. Over 100 decorated carts from different sections of the Villages paraded to Brownwood square with over 200 Parrot Heads dressed like pirates. This was PHUN and we will definitely do it again.

February brings us the Rotary Club Chili cook-off. We have won the "People's Choice" award for 9 years in a row. We hope to make it an even 10 years on Saturday February 4th, 2023, so come on down to Lake Sumter Square to help us out and cheer us on.

We need some members to volunteer to "STEP UP" and help us with some activities. We have over 1500 members in our club and have only about 50-100 who do all the work. We need your help. Please check out the Help Wanted section of the newsletter each month. There is a little bit of "work" involved. A few hours a month makes a huge difference, and it is not hard. (I know that "work" is a bad word, but we need your help). This will get you volunteer "Parrot" points and allow you first access to ticketed events and our Appreciation Party.

Lots more on the horizon, so keep your Fins Up Parrotheads __^__ !!! CU all soon !!

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Club Events

Wednesday February 1st Phlocking

The first Phlocking is at the Palmer Country Club on Wednesday Feb. 1 from 3:30 to 6 PM. The Phins UP Shop is pickup only. The Music will be provided by the ever popular Rocky & Michelle. They always fill up the dance floor. Don't miss the first party of February.



Chili Cookoff

The always fantastic Chili Cookoff is on February 4th, at Lake Sumter Landing. We have won the coveted People's Award for the last 9 years and look forward to our 10th victory. The People's Award winner is the organization that raises the most money for local charities. **If you volunteered to help us win again, make sure you get there when you said you would be there and do what you said you would do.** Winning is a team effort.

The people who bake will need to pre package them in small bags of 3 or 4 cookies depending on the size and a single brownie (but substantial) brownie. They can be delivered to the tent before 10 AM on the day of the cookoff or to Dale's home (510 Amici Avenue) on February 3rd.

Any questions should be directed to Dail Ross (Chairperson) at mrdross1957@gmail.com

Wednesday February 8th Phlocking

The second Phlocking of this month is at the Havana Country Club from 1 to 3:30 on Wednesday, February 8th. Island Express is back. Mitch and Diane Smallwood and Gary Senator will be playing our favorite songs. It's a good day to have lunch at Havana, see your friends and listen to some tunes.



Sunday February 19th Phlocking

We wrap up the February Phlockings at the Belle Glade Country Club on Sunday the 19th from 3:30 to 6 PM. The

Phins Up Shop is open for business. We have a special treat: Mark the DJ Shark is back. He's bringing all his characters, his costumes and blow up instruments and we're going to have a party! You don't want to miss it!



Club Cruise

On February 25th, 100 Plus of your fellow Parrot Heads will set sail from Port Canaveral on an 8-day Carnival Magic Cruise to the Southern Caribbean. Stops will include Aruba, Bonaire and Grand Turk.

Judy Turner has booked a meeting room at the Churchill Rec Center at 1:30 on February 3rd, for a pre-cruise meeting for everyone so she can explain what is planned and how we can maximize the phun.



Homosassa Springs Getaway 2023

The two hotel's rooms have sold out but you can still join in the fun. We are going to rent a bus that would leave on Friday at 10 AM from the Villages (Walmart Parking Lot on 466) and depart from Homosassa at 9 PM provided. Cost will be \$28 per person plus the cost of your wristband. You will be able to purchase bus tickets from Feb. 15th through April 1st at our website. If we don't get the minimum participation, the money will be returned to your credit card. Wait to purchase wristbands until the bus trip is filled and approved.

Poker Run

We have a date for this once a year mega fundraiser for local charities. It's going to be held on March 18th at Laurel Manor and it will be bigger and better than ever. You will be able to pick out your poker hand at Colony Cottage, Sea Breeze, Havana Country Club, and Palmer Country Club and then proceed to Laurel Manor for the last card. Then the real party starts.

We have one of the best Trop Rock Bands in the country playing for us. The Trop Rock Junkies are back!! We will have over 80 plus high value baskets to bid on. This is our annual fundraiser for local charities. Bring your neighbors, friends, anyone you can get to come and enjoy the afternoon. Mark your calendars and watch Facebook, the Newsletters and Mark the Sharks emails for information in the coming months. This event will require lots of volunteers.



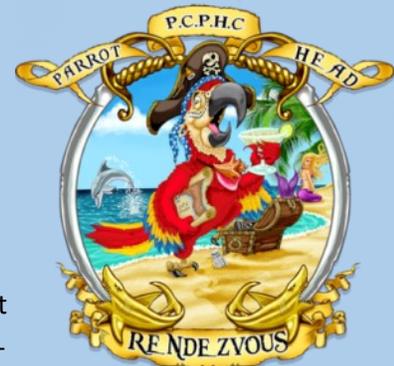
Day Trip to Tarpon Springs

On April 6th we will travel to the famous Tarpon Springs. This is on the National Historic Registry and you will soon see why. The art galleries, antique stores, sponge shops and restaurants are housed in buildings dating back to the 1800s when Greek immigrants built this small coastal town and turned it into the Sponge Capital of the World. The trips costs \$30 per person. There are several interesting 2 hour boat trips. A Dolphin Adventure Cruise departing from the docks at 4:30 PM and a Sunset Cruise departing at 6:30 PM. You will be back in the Villages by 11 PM. Ellen Dill is Chairperson (978 833 1418) and Stephanie Caruana is the Assistant (732 747 2202). Tickets will be on sale soon. Watch for Mark's emails.



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

Tampa Aquarium and Ybor City Day Trip

We have a date for a fantastic day trip to Tampa. You will get to see the Florida Aquarium which is rated as one of the top aquariums in the US. Then the bus will take you to the historic Ybor City for a pub crawl. Yes, there will be ladies dancing on the bar at the Coyote Ugly Saloon. The date is May 25th and the tickets will go on sale on April 1st. Watch Mark's emails and the next newsletter for more information.



Travel Committee

The location and the time is changing for the Travel Committee. **The next meeting will be from 1 to 3 PM at the Churchill Downs Recreation Center (2375 Churchill Downs), on Thursday, February 9th.** You need to be a Village resident to attend. The next two trips will be day trips to Disney Springs and a day on the Victory Casino Boat. We're also working on the Tampa Bay Aquarium and Ybor City bar crawl. We're always on the lookout for new adventures. We need you to help plan our great trips for the rest of the year. You will also earn some Parrot Points in the process. See you there!

2023 Golf Scrambles

The summer golf scrambles will take place on May 28th, June 25th, July 30th and August 27th. The cost is \$5 per person. This is a Parrot Head only event. Tickets will go on sale on April 1st. Lil Roe (317 431-7030) is the chairperson.

5 O'Clock Somewhere Parties 2023

This year we are going to have 4 additional parties! Every month with a 5th Wednesday will be an opportunity to get out with your Parrot Head friends and celebrate. Mark your calendars for March 29th, May 31, August 30, and November 29. We don't know the time, the place or the theme yet. We're working on it. We'll let you know in plenty of time to get ready for a 5 O'Clock Somewhere.

Daytona Beach 2022 Goodie Bags

Mother Nature cancelled our Daytona Beach Blast in 2022. The \$35 paid by the members to attend was donated to the Lone Palm foundation to help fellow Parrot Heads who were hit by the hurricanes. We had already purchased Goodie Bags the people who paid to participate and we still have them. If you were going last year, we'd like to give you the Goodie Bag you would have gotten. We will have them available at the three Phlockings in February for pick up.

Mac MacAnally is Coming Back!

Mac is going to be playing at the Orange Blossom Opry on February 17th. There will be a ton of Parrot Heads there and a good time will be had by all. Better move quickly if you want good seats.



2023 Changes to Phlocking Schedule

Due to holidays like Easter, Mother's Day and Super Bowl Sunday, we will be flip-flopping our Belle Glade and Havana Phlockings. The changes will go into effect January 1st. The new schedule will be:

First Wednesday—Palmer's CC 3:30 to 6PM

2nd Wednesday—Havana CC 1:00 to 3:30 PM

3rd Sunday—Belle Glade CC 3:30 to 6PM

The Rumors are TRUE!!

Retirement isn't for everyone and in the case of the Caribbean Chillers, that proved to be the case. They've come back from retirement and soon, you will be able to once again enjoy the Trop Rock songs they play so well.



Charity News

February Food Drive

This month the Phlocking for food donations is **Belle Glade on February 19th which will go the Lady Lake Food Pantry.** Listed are the 10 items always in short supply:

- 1. Canned Meat or Fish.** Tuna and other canned meat, such as chicken, stew, chili, salmon or corned beef, are always in need at food pantries.
- 2. Soup.** Soup is easy to store and keep on pantry shelves. Many soups provide nutritional value; and though often a meal supplement, there are many times when soup might be an entire meal for someone.
- 3. Canned Fruits and Vegetables.** Although some food pantries accept fresh vegetables and fruits, canned types are preferred because there is no worry of spoilage while on pantry shelves or during transportation. Most pantries have canned beans, in particular, on their list of needed items.
- 4. Peanut Butter.** High in protein, peanut butter figures prominently on the list of most needed food items in pantries across the country.
- 5. Pasta.** Pasta or boxed pasta dinners, such as macaroni and cheese, make good donation items because, in most cases, a little goes a long way. Pasta is also a food that people can prepare along with vegetables, meat or just on its own.
- 6. Milk Products.** Needed milk items include powdered milk, boxed puddings and cheese spreads. Some food pantries may accept fresh dairy products, such as yogurt, cheese and milk.
- 7. Grain Products.** Types of grain products to consider include brown rice, whole grain bread, bagels or muffins.
- 8. Cereal.** Boxed cereal is expensive for low-income families to purchase. In addition to having a long shelf life, which makes for excellent pantry storage, many cereals are fortified with vitamins and include healthy grains. Oatmeal is also in demand, whether instant or regular.
- 9. Baby Food.** Infant formula and baby food are expensive for those in need. Canned formula and boxed baby cereal are easy to store and in great demand. Some pantries might not accept baby food in glass jars, however.

10. Non-food Items Many pantries also supply toiletries, including deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving soap and feminine hygiene products. Other non-food items needed are cleaning supplies and diapers.

Cody's Fundraiser for 2023

This year we will hold three fundraisers at Cody's. The first will be on May 16th to benefit Veterans Helping Veterans, the second will be on July 18th for the Wildwood Middle/High School and the last one will be on September 19th for Operation Shoebox. Watch the Newsletter and Mark's emails for additional details.

Angle Wigs of Hope Fundraiser

The Club is partnering with the Angle Wigs of Hope charity fundraiser which will be held at Laural Manor the evening of July 16th. This charity provides new wigs to women being treated for cancer. The Hollywood Knights will be providing the entertainment. Watch future newsletters and Mark's emails for new information. It should be an excellent part for this local charity.

2023 Blood Drives

Our first blood drive (January 6 & 7) produced over 300 pints of blood. We have 4 more drives scheduled for this year: March 6 & 7, July 15th, September 11 & 12 and the final one held on November 10 & 11. Make up your mind this year to set aside the time and become a life giver.

Barb's Trivia Question:

At the onset of the nineties, Buffett was key in helping a friend of his be elected as Mayor of Key West. Who was this? a) Tom McGuane, b) Phil Clark, c) Tony Tarracino or d) Bob Graham

Answer on Page 16

Membership

New Club Members

Francis Baehr
Lauri Baehr
Goe Gallego
Mary Ann Gallego



Margaritaville Internships

On the last three pages of this Newsletter is a letter sent to our Club by Billy Brehm, President of Parrot Heads in Paradise detailing a summer internship program. You may know someone that would benefit from this program.

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.



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



Parrot Head Leadership Conference

Our Club is once again going to host the Florida Parrot Head Leadership Conference. Parrot Head Club leaders from all over Florida will be invited to the two day weekend event. The timing isn't finalized but it looks like early August and there is usually a great party on one of the nights that's open to all members. Watch future Newsletters and Mark's emails for more information.

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.

Help Wanted

We have the largest Parrot Head Club in the world. All of the work is done by people who volunteer their time, their creativity and their experience to make us what we are. We are going to add this new Help Wanted section to our Newsletter because we are always in need of new people with new ideas to move the Club forward.

Assistant Club Photographer We need a backup photographer to attend phlockings and Club events to take pictures to record all the fun we have. That person will become Lisa MacLeod's assistant. Please email Lisa if you are interested at lisadphoto28@gmail.com

Web Master Do you want to step up and become a key member of our Club? If you have experience hosting a web site, we would like to talk to you. Please contact Mark at markthesharkdj@gmail.com or Steve Larson at sklarson01@gmail.com.

Phlocking Table Setup We need someone to be responsible for storing a set of tables and bringing them to 1 phlocking each month. If you can, please contact Mark the Shark at markthesharkdj@gmail.com



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. The dates for **Palmer** are Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, March 1st, April 5th May 3rd and June 7th.

Havana is Jan 11th, Feb. 8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th and June 14th. **Belle Blade** is Jan 15th, Feb 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st and June 18th. 2 people are also needed at Palmer to distribute Renewal Stickers on Dec. 7th, June 4th, Feb. 1st and March 1st. 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 Gary Grahn at ggrahnjr@yahoo.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: tvrhvpocentflhealth.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. If interested, email Heidi Gamet at hgaumet@cshospice.org.

SOZO After School Programs. Volunteers are needed to help provide after school activities and a serve a meal for the children living in the Ocala National Forest. Many of these children live in abject poverty and Camp SOZO is their only safe haven. If you are interested in learning how you can help, email contact@friendsofsozokids.com.

Operation Homebound is the Meals on Wheels program for The Villages and surrounding areas. They deliver hot-cooked meals to elderly shut-ins on weekday mornings. They are looking for delivery drivers who take meals to the recipients one morning per week. It's fun and fast, only taking a couple of hours. When you arrive at the Kitchen, your meals are already prepared and packaged, ready for you to grab and go. It's a great volunteer opportunity. For more information, please call 352-689-1023, or email OHB@northlakepc.org.

Best Buddies International is an organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with disabilities, such as Downs syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and other disabilities.

If you are interested, you may join the local chapter by going to bestbuddies.org and selecting 'The Villages'. You will then receive an email from Sterling Volunteers, which will ask you to complete a simple background check. The cost is \$13 per application. This is necessary for all people who will attend socials, meetings, events and trips. It's another way to help out in our community and earn Parrot points while doing it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Leadership at bestbuddiesthevillages@gmail.com.

Membership

Ren & Gypsy's Drink of the Month

This dynamic duo has exhausted their livers trying to find the perfect drink for that last part of Florida's winter. They have found a simply yet satisfying drink that will warm you up and bring a smile to your face. This month's drink is called the February Thaw.



6 oz of your favorite Coffee
1.5 oz of Amaretto
Top with Whip Cream

Gasperilla, Parrot Head Style

What started out as a "wouldn't it be cool" idea in Mark the Shark's creative mind became a major event in a few short weeks. Over 100 decorated golf carts with pirates of every description descended on Brownwood searching for booty and rum. Lots of rum. It was a blast. A Team Drink to Mark and Dee Dee for the coming up with the idea, the plan and the leadership for what will probably be an annual event.



The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett

This hotel room got a lot of stuff
A laundry bag and a shoe shine cloth
Thirty-two hangers and a touch-tone phone
A light that comes on when I'm not home
I ain't home, I ain't home
You better leave a message cause I ain't home

They got an air conditioner for when I'm hot
A radiator for when I'm not
Two big chairs sittin' side by side
With a Holy bible and a TV guide
TV guide, TV guide, great God o' mighty
It's a TV guide

I got a second story view from curb to curb
I got a sign that reads "Do not disturb"
A monogram towel and a bucket of ice
A chest of drawers and a mirror that lies
Mirror that lies, mirror that lies,
That couldn't be me in the gorilla disguise

They got a room service menu for food and drinks
A porcelain throne and an aluminum sink
Two big pillows to rest my head
A magic fingers and a king size bed
Put in a quarter, turn out the light
Magic fingers makes you feel alright
Feel alright, feel alright
Magic fingers makes you feel alright

Oh this ole' hotel's alright with me
They pay the postage if you loose the key
This hotel has got a lot of stuff
But I do believe I have had enough
Call my baby said, don't you pout
I'm packin' my bags and I'm checking out
Just as soon as you hang up the telephone
Stick a candle in the window I'm comin' home

Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features the dynamic Joy Klemencic. Joy and her husband Primoz live in the Village of Bridgeport at Lake Sumter. They moved in during the summer of 2013. They chose the location for its central location – close enough to walk to Lake Sumter Landing. It is a very sociable neighborhood and has been since they moved in.

Joy is a very active woman. She is involved in her Delta Gamma sorority alumni group that she heads up the programming for, she has served as the social chairman and the president of her neighborhood group, she plays golf a couple of times a week, does Zumba, and has joined a gym. She also enjoys games and has a mahjong group, a euchre group, and a bunco group. I would say Joy knows how to make the most of living in The Villages!

Central Ohio is where Joy started out in life. She worked in Cincinnati until her company moved her to Toronto, where she met her husband. They raised their two daughters in Kansas and retired from Tokyo, Japan. One daughter is in Chicago finishing her master's degree and the other lives in Brooklyn and works as a videographer and event planner.

Joy moved around a lot with her job in global marketing and general management, first with Proctor and Gamble and then with Colgate Palmolive. Her final position was as Country Manager for Colgate Palmolive in Japan.

When Joy first moved to The Villages, like many of her neighbors who had also just moved in, she wanted to try everything. She recalls reading about the Parrot Head Club in the paper and she and some of her girlfriends decided to join.

Joy has volunteered to help with our annual Poker Run for the past six or seven years. She heads the committee that goes around to all the local businesses for donations of gift cards and other items for the raffle baskets. She will have eight or ten volunteers working with her to gather the donations.

Joy goes to Phlockings but her main focus is the charitable side of things and the Poker Run is her favorite. She grabs a bunch of neighbors and they all have a great time. She really loves the friendliness of the club members and the practice of giving the new members a flower lei so they can be greeted and welcomed into the club. In fact, she liked that idea so much she “stole” it and they now do it in their neighborhood social club!

Although the Phlockings are lots of fun, because of the music playing and the noise level it is hard to hold a conversation and really get to know someone, so her advice to new members about getting involved in the club is to volunteer for one of our many charitable functions or other events as the best way to meet people and make new friends.

Interview by Alma-Rose Scheer





CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS A BAD THING

WEBMASTER NEEDED: After a considerable amount of thought, I have decided it is time for me to move on from my role as Webmaster. Before I go further it is important to point out a few things (before they get asked)

- ◆ This has nothing to do with any specific issue or problem.
- ◆ It has nothing to do with relationships with either members or the Board.
- ◆ It has nothing to do with anything related to the Parrot Heads and I remain proud to be a member of the largest and best Parrot Head group in the world. I absolutely will remain a member and hopefully will find other opportunities to volunteer.

SO WHY: I retired 6 years ago and, as so many of us have done, immediately found that retirement does not mean less active. Before I knew it, I was busier than I ever thought possible. Many of you know me and, if you do, you know that the good and bad thing about me is that I like to take care of issues immediately and take great pride in everything on the website functioning properly, looking good and being accurate (many refer to me as disciplined, others refer to me as a pain in the,,well, you get the idea).

There are several things I have added to the website that provide greater visibility to things like membership status and event purchases. Our On Line purchasing system has made the process easier and eliminated long lines at the Phlockings. However, this requires someone to manage, update and solve problems. Many don't realize the steps needed to do something as simple as correcting an email address. The good news is that our lists are extremely accurate. But the question is, how important are those things. What would happen if the email remains wrong? My personality doesn't let me do that. If I know there is a way to correct it, I can't let it go.

I couple of months ago I told the Board that I was considering retiring. I must thank Johnny, Steve and Mark for picking up many of the things I was doing. Unfortunately, I still find that now is the time to focus on other things.

WE NEED SOMEONE AND WE NEED THEM NOW – One thing I learned throughout my career is that it is easy to say, you need to find a replacement, but I'll help out. Generally, that leads to not searching as hard as if there was no one. So, I say, with great hesitancy, I will be happy to help whoever takes over, but, we need someone responsible for doing the job.

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU NEED

There is NO coding or website development skills needed. What is needed is:

- ◆ A very good understanding of EXCEL and WORD. Basic PC working knowledge.
- ◆ The proper attitude and desire to help members and Ex Com Board to resolve issues regarding use and functionality of the WEBSITE.
- ◆ Probably the most important skill needed is to have an analytical mind. The Webmaster spends a good amount of time playing detective to find out why something isn't working and then contacting the right people to fix it. Both our web host (WIX) and our Ticket Purchasing system (TICKETLEAP) have excellent support teams and answer any question I ask them VERY QUICKLY. Both have chat support.

I thank everyone for their support and appreciation over the last few years. See ya at a PHLocking or event.

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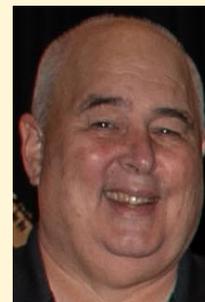
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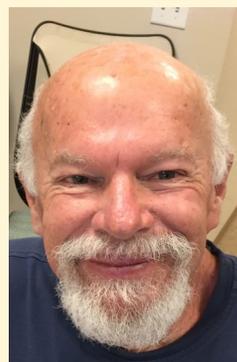
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January 2023

2022 Villages Parrot Heads Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrot Head's Club's annual report highlighting major club events undertaken by our members. We are fortunate and proud to have the world's largest Parrot Head club membership of 1421 members in 2022, and our membership is very generous and active as you will see. In this annual report, I would like to highlight just some of our activities.

2022 saw a rise in corporate support for our functions and fundraising activities. This resulted in donations by these corporate sponsors to help with our fundraising activities as well as the use of their facilities. With the help of these corporate sponsors we were able to hold 4 major fundraisers at a local restaurant. We were able to raise and donate \$2,250 to Patriot Dogs for Veterans, \$5,607 to Wildwood Middle School, \$2,500 to Operation Shoebox, and \$1,500 to the Marion County/Ocala SPCA.

Over the course of the year, we hold three (3) Phlockings each month. One of which is designated as our Food Pantry Donation Phlocking. At our Halloween party we also ask for donations of cash and/or gift cards to help the hungry. I am happy to announce that we were able to donate \$7,411 in cash, gift cards, and in-kind donations to help the local food banks feed the hungry.

In February, we participated in the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off and raised \$2,200 for their charities. We won the People's Choice award for the 9th year in a row. This is awarded to the club that gets the most donations for their charities. We are very proud of this accomplishment and are gearing up to make it an even 10 awards in 2023.

In March, after a three-year absence due to the pandemic, we were able to hold our Golf Cart Poker Run. My outlandish goal was to reach \$20,000. I am happy to say that we not only reached that goal but surpassed it by raising over \$24,000 for local charities. Because of this we were able to donate \$3,000 to Shepherd's lighthouse, \$250 to the Sons of American Legion Post #347 for their Golf Tournament, \$6,104 to Combat Veterans to Careers, \$2,000 to Center Hill Children's Mission, \$1,000 to It Takes A Village, \$1,000 to Refuge At Jumper Creek, \$3,000 to Project SOS, \$3,000 to Help Agency/SOZO Kids, \$3,000 to Veterans Helping Veterans, and \$2,000 to St Theresa's Soup Kitchen and \$900 to Special Olympics as well as many other charities.

Our club is extremely proud of our blood drives. This year we held 5 blood drives at Firehouse #44. I am excited to tell you that we collected 1,812 pints of blood or 226.5 gallons. As one (1) pint of blood can help save the lives of up to three (3) people, we helped save 5,436 lives this year. Our club is, once again, the second largest blood donation site in the state of Florida, second only to Daytona speedway on race weekends. It would be tough to break that overall record, but we did break one of their weekends.

In October, we were able to hold our first Golf Tournament in a few years. This year, we changed our charity to the Alzheimer's Association / The Longest Day, for Alzheimer's research. With the help of our sponsors, our members, and everyone who played and/or volunteered, we were able to donate \$30,000 to this worthy cause. A TEAM DRINK goes out to everyone who participated or helped in this endeavor. Hopefully, someday there will be a cure to this disease.

Also in October, our members were scheduled to go on a Trop Rock retreat to Daytona Beach Shores entitled "2022 Luau at the Aku Tiki". Unfortunately, Hurricane Ian stopped these plans. Everyone had paid to help pay the entertainers. Our members decided that instead of getting refunds, they would rather we donate their hard-earned dollars to help those less fortunate than us. We also decided that all our 50/50 money raised in October would be matched by our charity fund. Because of this, we were able to donate \$7,500 to the Lone Palm Foundation to help other Parrot Heads whose lives were so interrupted by this horrible storm.

In December, a few of our veteran members held our 3rd annual Toys-4-Tots Candy Cane Golf Cart drive-by to help the Marine Corp Toys-4-Tots program. Our members and friends donated \$4,250 worth of toys and cash donations for the kids.

The thing I am most impressed with about this club is the dedication of our members who step up to volunteer their precious time as they always strive to leave the world a little better than we found it each day. We definitely live by our motto: "Party with a Purpose".

In closing, I would, once again like to praise our members who helped raise \$162,992 in cash and in-kind donations and worked 22,512 volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$23.07, with the value of these hours being \$519,351.84. **In total, our club was responsible for over \$682,343.84 in charity work and Volunteer hours which is unbelievable.**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Woodland

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President, The Villages Parrot Heads Club

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Cody's has been a Corporate Sponsor for over 10 years. Without their support, we could not hold the Charity Fund Raisers our Club is known for. Cody's Original Roadhouse is a fun, casual, family friendly Roadhouse that serves "Just plain Good Food". You won't go home hungry or broke.....You'll just go home happy!



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Havana Country Club hosts our Lunch Phlocking each month. Havana is proud to offer one of the best dining experiences in the Villages. They specialize in fine steaks, fresh seafood and pasta.



When we decided to hold a 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.



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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.



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Answer to Barb’s Trivia question: answer : c) Tony Tarracino

Margaritaville Summer Internship

Hey Parrotheads! Do you have kids or grandkids in the college world that want to join the Margaritaville family as an intern? This is a NEW program that may be for you (them!)- The Margaritaville Summer Internship Program! See below and the attachment for this incredible new opportunity for club members! Please be sure to share this with all of your members!

Billy Brehm
President, PHiP, Inc.
Margaritaville Summer Internship Program

Program Overview

The Margaritaville Summer Internship Program is a paid, 10–12-week experience where you will be fully integrated into the day-to-day activities of a team working in one of the most dynamic and energetic food and beverage locations in the country. You'll be working in some of the most beautiful beach areas or tourist areas in the country while learning the inner workings of one of the most popular brands.

We offer two programs:

- Margaritaville Summer Internship Program - The program will include:
 - o Front of the House position: Restaurant Host, or Retail Associate. Server opportunities are available for students with over 2 years' experience.
 - o Backstage areas: Prep Cook
- Margaritaville Culinary Assistant (For culinary students only). You will embark on a new journey with our Culinary Program as you create lasting impressions and unforgettable experiences for guests from around the world. Master your craft as you work side-by-side with culinary leaders and fellow "heart of the house" teams.

Experience:

As a Margaritaville Internship Program participant, you will gain on-the-job experience working in our Margaritaville and Landshark Bar & Grill locations, will participate in unique learning experiences, and can meet people from all over the world. Also, you'll have the opportunity to network with program participants within your location and across the company.

- Chance to participate in professional development and targeted growth opportunities in operations, HR, Leadership Development, Sales/ Marketing and gain business acumen. We are committed to giving our interns the space to explore, to have full-time employee responsibilities, and to become future leaders.

At the end of the summer, students will be given the opportunity to:

- § return for another internship next summer in any of our locations around the country
- § return for a professional internship in our corporate office or others around the country
- § interview to join the Leadership Training program and start their career with us

Either way, you'll have a job already lined up for next summer!

2023 Dates:

Program Starts: May

Program Ends: August

Pay and Hours: You'll be paid an hourly wage based on your position less all applicable taxes and withholdings, payable bi-weekly. If overtime is required, we will try to give you as much advanced notice as possible. Training is also paid.

What Students will do:

You'll work day-to-day in the operation, and that is augmented by weekly meetings with senior staff who share the inside view of their work at Margaritaville and their experiences as leaders. The open discussion format allows participants to learn directly from leaders, ask challenging questions, and address critical issues.

The discussions are structured to provide both a functional overview of the organization and insight into a variety of leadership approaches. We will host Leadership sessions with Executives in Operations, Human Resources, Sales, Marketing, and students will have a session with the CEO.

Participants will have the opportunity to work side by side with a supervisor or manager to learn the responsibilities, duties, and real-world work experience.

Who is eligible:

· Minimum Requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- Currently enrolled in a college or university pursuing a certificate or degree
- Have completed at least one semester of college
- Able to start internship working at least 35 hours/week (Mid May through Mid – Late August. We will work around your back-to-school schedule.
- Legally authorized to work in the US on a full time, permanent, and ongoing basis without requiring sponsorship now or in the future
- Willing to relocate or currently live near to any of our locations that has a summer internship opportunity, including:
 - Myrtle Beach, SC
 - Destin, FL
 - Panama City Beach, FL
 - Miami, FL
 - Key West, FL
 - Mall of America – Bloomington, MN
- Students must have housing confirmed and a driver's license before May 2023.

Program Highlights

Paid Internship

While this is a paid internship opportunity. Hourly wages will be based on the salary for each market.

Learning Outcomes:

The internship experience will be an extension of what you learn in class with a chance to apply the knowledge gained in the classroom.

- To acquire new knowledge in a new setting to enhance classroom education.
- To apply higher order thinking skills (critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, complex problem solving) to "real world" situations.
- To learn employer expectations for workplace behaviors.
- To expand oral communication skills.
- To increase skills for understanding and working with people of diverse backgrounds and cultures and to work effectively within diverse environments.
- To acquire additional interpersonal communication and interaction skills.
- To develop self-reliance and self-confidence.
- To develop and use an ethical perspective.

Transferrable Skills learned during your internship include:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Flexibility
- Customer Service
- Attention to Detail
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Initiative
- Problem-solving
- Goal-setting
- Time management
- Organizational skills

Unique Professional and Personal Development Experiences

Your professional development includes networking events and training sessions; your calendar will always be full!

- We'll help you have fun outside of work with events, community connection, and networking events with leaders and other activities.
- There are many perks to being a summer intern, but a few standouts are:
 - access to our company store that has steep discounts on Margaritaville products
 - Contests and Prizes
 - Flexible hours
 - Working with great, diverse, and like-minded people

Curriculum

Day-to-day participation in the organization is augmented by special sessions in which senior staff share the inside view of their work at Margaritaville and their experiences as leaders. The open discussion format allows participants to learn directly from leaders, ask challenging questions, and address critical issues.

The discussions are structured to provide both a functional overview of the organization and insight into a variety of leadership approaches.

We will host Leadership Workshops with Executives, in Operations, Culinary, Human Resources, Sales, Marketing and a chance to talk with the CEO.

Academic Support

Special arrangements can be made to accommodate academic degree requirements. Leaders and program managers are available to meet or correspond with academic advisors, review mandatory assignments, and complete evaluations based on specific academic needs.

Evaluation / Assessment

Ongoing communication and evaluation is encouraged as a part of every experience for the program.

Participants and managers also take a step back at key points to assess your experience and measure progress. Exit interviews and final evaluations help us understand how we can improve the program and provide you feedback on your performance.

Why people love working for Margaritaville?

- Get Paid to Love Your Job, Upbeat & Fun Work Environment, Growth & Development, Opportunities, Flexible Hours and Discounts

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