

CoCo-Nutz's Telegraph

March 2022 Edition

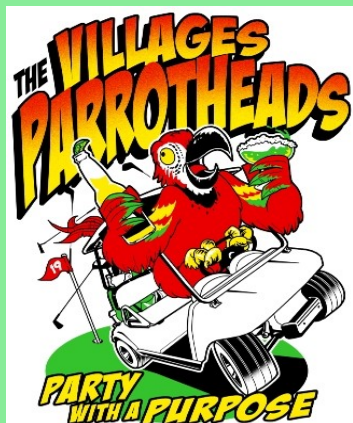


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President's Corner



February is past us now and a great month it was. Three phlockings were packed with 200-300 members at each. Just a reminder, it is the height of our season. Please bring chairs with you to phlockings and get there early. It fills up really fast which you have seen.

The highlight of February was that we won 1st place for the People's Choice Award at the Rotary Club Chili cook-off for the 9th time in a row. We raise \$2,200 for Rotary club charities in a few hours. We also, for the first time, won 2nd place for the best booth. We are going to strive to get 1st place for that one next year also. Thanks to Dale Ross, Ken McCreary, Rodell Babasa, Mike Fitzgerald, and all the volunteers for keep our winning streak going.

March brings us 3 more phlockings with great music planned. It is also our month for our Poker Run/Basket Raffle for charity on March 19th. As covid had struck us down the past 2 years, we are finally back, and I would love to make this one the best one yet. This is usually our largest fundraiser of the year where we raise money to help out our local charities. We have a lot of new members so if you haven't experienced this, you will really have a blast. There will be tons of phun, games, a dunk tank (well sort of) where you can get a chance to dunk many, including me. The Street Rod Club will be jumping in with us so check out their carts. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to join in. A great new classic/party rock band, the "Missing Links Band" will be playing for us at Laurel Manor Rec Center for our enjoyment. So bring your own chairs, refreshments and food and prepare for a fun-filled day. We hope to see everyone. Read on in your newsletter for more details.

We have a few more fun-filled things going on in March. On March 25th, there is a bus trip to see the Broadway play "Kinky Boots" at the dinner theater in Hudson FL. Only 3 seats are left so get your tickets online now. Also, our first Spring Fling Theme Party will be on March 30th. This year we are having a Toga Party, Togas are recommended, but not required. Should be pretty interesting. Tickets are on sale now online to you, your friends, and family.

Should be a busy and phun month Parrot Heads, so keep your Phins UP and join in !! ____^____



Wednesday, March 2nd Phlocking

The first Phlocking of March will be at the Palmer Country Club from 3:30 until 6 PM. **Phins Up Shop opens at 3:30 for Pick Up Only.**

Entertainment provided by Just Mike and Gary. **It's also the Food Drive Phlocking.** Please be generous.



We Won!!!



People's Choice Award

For the last 9 straight years, it's been the same story: The Parrot Head Club won the People's Choice Award by raising the most money for local charities at the annual Rotary Club Chili Cookoff. **We raised \$2,021 dollars** thanks to the volunteers who baked the cookies, gave the cookies away (for a donation), cooked the chili, passed it out, worked the crowd, danced to the music (thanks to Hollywood and the Tropix and DJ Mark the Shark) and showed what great fun it is to be a Parrot Head. A team drink for all!

Sunday, March 13th Phlocking

The party starts at 3:30 and goes until 6 PM at Belle Glade Country Club. **Phins Up Shop opens at 3:30.** Music will be provided by Hollywood and the Tropix who provided the music for our award winning Chili Cookoff last month.



Wednesday, March 16th Phlocking

The last Phlocking of March will be held at Havana Country Club beginning at 1:00 and ending at 3:30. **Phins Up Shop Opens at 1:30 Pick Up Only.**

We welcome back Don Middlebrook who tours from Michigan to the Florida Keys. If you haven't heard Don, click on this [Drink It Up - sample - YouTube](#). He's one of the Club's favorite performers.



Club Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade



The 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Thursday, March 17th, at Spanish Springs Town Square. Walkers are welcome and you also receive a volunteer "Parrot Point" for participating. So get out your Irish gear, and prepare to have Phun!!

Contact Sally Bottke at sallyronbottke@aol.com to sign up or you can sign up at any phlocking.

Poker Run 2022

On March 19th, 2022, we will live up to our Club's motto: We will Party with a Purpose. **This is the Club's biggest fundraiser of the year.** It starts with a Poker Run and ends with a Basket Raffle with games, music and fun in between. **This is a Bring Your Friends and Neighbors event.** The more people, the more fun and the more funds that will be donated to local charities who need our help. We have the Missing Links providing the music for this event. A full 5 piece rock band that will take you back to the 60s and 70s.



Poker Run cards are \$5 each and can be purchased at Colony Cottage, Seabreeze, Havana, Palmer and Laurel Manor. We need LOTS of volunteers. People to handle the poker cards. People are needed to solicit local businesses, work the event and make the baskets. Many of the donations come from our own Club members who make up their own gift baskets or contribute items to the Basket Committee. Our goal is to make the 2022 the best poker run the Club has even held.

Event Chairperson is Kathy Newstat (609) 674 7278 and her assistant is Kathi Purdy (352) 792 4024.



Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater

On March 25th, for the amazing price of \$80 you can board a bus from the Walmart parking lot and take a trip to Hudson Florida for a dinner and a Broadway show. Winner of the 2013 Tony award for Best Musical, KINKY BOOTS is the show you will get to see. The ticket price covers the bus ride, a buffet dinner and the show. It should be an amazing night.

Chairperson is Trish Crocker (586) 242 1139





Toga Party!!

We might not be members of Delta House at Faber College but we can still throw a 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. The Toga Party is at La Hacienda and the cost is \$12 per person. It's a bring your BYOB and whatever you want to eat. Doors open at 5:30 and the party goes until 9 PM. 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. Mark the Shark is going to spin the sound track of Animal House plus a few other songs of the 60s. This is going to be a party that people will talk about for years to come. Watch for information in Mark's emails. Don't miss out!

Chairperson is Carol
Bruce at (717) 419 3308



Homosassa Getaway

The Homosassa weekend party is on Friday 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.

The resort is sold out but that doesn't mean you can't join the party. Within 5 to 10 miles of the Cracker Resort is the Plantation on Crystal River, the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn and Best Western. And there is Uber everywhere.

Wrist bands and T-shirts are now on sale at the club's website. The last day you can order your Sharks That Live On Land Homosassa Concert T-shirt is April 30th.



Driveway Party

The driveway parties were so much fun last year, we're having another one!! We will say farewell to our snow bird members at a driveway party on April 12th hosted by Dave and Bonnie Walls who live at 1577 Gullberry Place in the Villages. We don't have the band yet and we don't have the details so watch for emails from Mark the Shark for more info.

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. Many of our Club's members stay at the Origins at Seahaven which is a high rise condo right across the street. This is a big party that lasts for days.

Tickets for Rendezvous are \$95 per person and can be purchased at [Rendezvous 2022](#) | [MyEvent](#).





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 Sea 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



Lido Beach Day Trip

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

You will get to spend the day at one of Florida's most pristine



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

2022 Golf Scrambles

The 2022 Parrothead golf scrambles will be played on

May 15 @ Bogart

June 26 @ Saddlebrook

July 17 @ Southern Star

August @ De La Vista

Sept. 25 @ Sweetgum

You can sign up as a single player or with one additional player. You

cannot form your own team of 4. Teams will be put together by the Event Chairman.

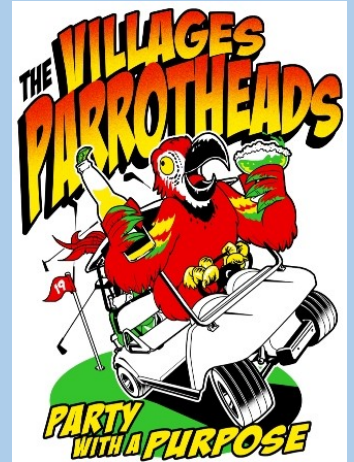
You must be a current Parrot Head member **and** have a Villages Resident ID. You are responsible for any trail fees that may be due. Tee times will be in the Villages tee time system by Wednesday prior to the scramble. You will also receive an email showing your tee time and who you are playing with.

If you need to cancel – DO NOT CALL THE COURSE.

Let the Event Chairman know as soon as you know you won't be making it.

Please arrive at the golf course **at least 30 minutes** prior to your scheduled tee time, as we do run early and some people cancel at the last minute and juggling of players does/can occur.

Questions should be sent to Lil Roe, Chairperson at (317) 431-7030 or email to eliroe0403@att.net



Jimmy Buffett Trivia from Barb Hopper

What was Jimmy Buffett's occupation before he became the world's most well known and laid-back singer-sailor-songwriter?

- a) He was a tax consultant for his Uncle Warren.
- b) He sold vacuum cleaners door to door.
- c) He worked as a journalist for Billboard magazine.
- d) He was a librarian.

Answer on Page 8



Meeting Of The Minds Update

This years Meeting Of The Minds (MOTM) will likely be the last held in Key West. If this is on your bucket list, Now is the time to go.

The opening of registration has been set for March 17. Non-registrants will not be able to reserve a room at the Casa Marina because we are contractually obligated to full occupancy. If you want to stay at the hotel, it's a minimum four-night stay from Wednesday through Saturday. Based on their projections and analysis of historical data and current trends, PHIP's crack staff of MIT-endorsed forecasting analysts are estimating that the Casa Marina Resort is going to sell out "pretty damn quick."

Room rates at the Casa, Registration prices and details, VIP options, and MOTM headliners will be announced in the coming weeks prior to registration opening.

You can register and stay off site which is what most of the club members will do. Booking early will get you the best room rates. The prices never go down at this time of the year.

Sarasota Bay PHC 26th Birthday Bash

On May 20th to 22nd, The SBPHC will celebrate their 26th Birthday. The party is themed "Blue Guitar". The cost is \$65 per person and the music goes from noon on Friday the 20th until noon on Sunday. The Birthday Party is at Hotel Venezia. After you register with the SBPHC, as for the Parrot Head rate at the hotel. The event is anchored by the Trop Rock Junkies. It will be a good time. Expect to see friends from the Villages there.



The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett

"Bend A Little"

Evil it's been here all along
Good things they just seem to have come and gone
In my life I have seen so much go wrong
And there's only one way left for us to get along

You got to bend a little one way or the other
You got to leave your mind open to discover
Seems I've been fightin' it all along
You got to bend a little no matter which side you're on, Or soon you'll be gone

Papers they print it every day
Housewife wraps the garbage then throws it away
I don't guess she thinks they have that much to say
But when the time is right she'll be the lady with so much to pay

You got to bend a little one way or the other
You got to leave your mind open to discover
Seems I've been fightin' it all along
You got to bend a little no matter which side you're on, Or soon you'll be gone

History it teaches much too well
Nations had to rise up before they fell
And my eyes see the story they're tryin' to tell
And tonight I think I heard the final toll of the bell
We better...

Bend a little one way or the other
You got to leave your mind open to discover
Seems I've been fightin' it all along
You got to bend a little no matter which side you're on, Or soon you'll be gone



February Food Drive Results

A big Thank You goes out to the members who donated \$576 of food and cash for the February Food Drive.

March Food Drive

The March Food Drive will benefit Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church's Food Pantry. The collection will be at the Palmer Phlocking. This Food Pantry receives little help from people and clubs in the Villages because of their location. The latest data shows a poverty level of over 20%. When the Director of the Food Panty spoke to the Club last year she made the point that they needed soap and

- shampoo for the people who were living in tents. Please be generous. **In addition to personal care items, we suggest the following foods:**

- Peanut butter
 - Canned soup
 - Canned fruit
 - Canned vegetables
 - Canned stew
 - Canned fish
 - Canned beans
 - Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
 - Rice (most prefer brown rice)
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Cody's Fundraisers

The dates have been set for the four 2022 Fundraisers at Cody's Brownwood location:

- May 24 for Patriot Service Dogs. Door Prize sponsored by [Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC](#)
- July 26 for Wildwood Middle High School. Door Prize sponsored has not been identified.
- September 27 for Operation Shoe Box. Door Prize sponsored by [FertiGator](#)
- November 22 for S.P.C.A. Door Prize sponsor is TBD.

March 21 & 22 Blood Drive

There is a national shortage of blood. Did you know that 4.5 million people will need a blood transfusion in the US and Canada every year? Did you know that around 1 in 7 people entering the hospital will need blood? Did you know that 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Did you know that Children being treated for cancer, premature infants and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types?

Our goal for 2022 is 2,022 pints of blood which means we have 1,634 pints yet to collect. Most of the time we talk about giving blood we talk about the benefits of giving the gift of life to someone in need.

People who want to donate contact Skip at skip0358@gmail.com and people who want to volunteer should contact Franny at frandurr2@yahoo.com.

You can also just show up at Fire Station 44 at South West Morris Blvd. and Moyer Loop from 8 AM to 4 PM on either day and they will gladly take your much needed donation.

APRIL DRIVE TO BENEFIT COMBAT VETERANS TO CAREERS (CVC)

We will be collecting donations of books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, jewelry and accessories at all 3 Phlockings in April. No VHS tapes are wanted. Donations will go to the thrift store on Highway 44 in Wildwood. Combat Veterans to Careers helps those who served in post 9/11 combat zones to transition from military service to productive civilian careers. The charity helps the entire veteran family with 4 major areas of focus: employment, education, housing and physical/mental wellness, with a foundation of developing a strong financial independence. CVC has a very low overhead at 8% and a very high success rate with their clients. Cash donations are also welcome.



New Club Members

Michael Adams	Dan Rotermund
Karen Vescova-Adams	Gina Rotermund
Eileen Allison	Deb Sadowski
Frank Allison	Mike Sadowski
Brian Amato	Laura Salter
Jack Braken	Janet Shireman
Bill Downie	Robin Stacer
Wanda Downie	Richard Steeber
Dianna Nelson	Jane Swanson
Mike Nelson	Kurt Swanson
Linda Powell	Lisa Trusler
Rosetta Pray	Fred Ury



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



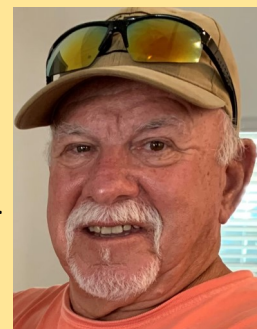
Membership Dues For 2022

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.



By Law Changes Approved

In February the members approved two By Law amendments: To empower the Executive Committee to propose additional amendments to the By Laws without a member petition and to limit voting to people who were active members in the month prior the election. You can read the By Laws by going to the Club's website and clicking on "Documents".



Membership

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages needs volunteers. Roles include greeters and kitchen volunteers at the hospice, as well as volunteers to visit patients in their homes, assisted living facilities and nursing facilities. For more information, please contact Heidi Gaumet at hgaumet@cshospice.org.

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.

Vote to Amend Club By Laws

During the month of February an election took place to amend the Club's By Laws. Two amendments were voted on. The first amendment enables the Executive Committee to put future amendments the By Laws without a member petition and the second limits the eligibility to vote to members who have paid their dues the month prior to the voting month. Both ballot amendments passed.

New Corporate Sponsor

In February the Executive Committee welcomed FertiGator as the Club's newest Corporate Sponsor. Founded in 2007, they are locally owned and managed and serve thousands of residents not only in The Villages but surrounding active adult communities. FertiGator provides a full range of services including lawn, shrub, and



pest maintenance services. They will be providing the Door Prize for the Cody's fundraiser for Operation Shoe Box in September.



Editor's Drink Of The Month

Gypsy and Ren have taken a month off to give their livers a rest. Taste testing can be hard work. Therefore, this month's Drink Of The Month is the (Drum roll)

Poor Man's Chocolate Martini.



Start by making some chocolate syrup swirls in a Martini glass and then mix 4 parts Aldi Chocolate Wine (which costs less than \$9) a bottle with 1 part Vanilla Vodka (which also costs around \$9) a bottle. Shake over ice, pour and enjoy. So simple and

Sooooooooooooooooo Good!

The Story of Jimmy Buffett (Part 2) by Mark "the Shark" (with help from Wikipedia)

Buffett was born on Christmas Day 1946, in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and spent part of his childhood in Mobile, Alabama. He later lived in Fairhope, Alabama. He is the son of Mary Lorraine (*née* Peets) and James Delaney Buffett Jr. During his grade school years, he attended St. Ignatius School, where he played the trombone in the school band. As a child he was exposed to sailing through his grandfather. These experiences would go on to influence his later music. He graduated from McGill Institute for Boys in 1964. He began playing guitar during his first year at Auburn University before continuing his college years at Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in history in 1969.

He is an initiate of Kappa Sigma fraternity at the University of Southern Mississippi. After graduating from college, **Jimmy Buffett worked as a correspondent for *Billboard* magazine in Nashville, breaking the news of the separation of Flatt and Scruggs which is the answer to Barb Hopper's trivia question.**

Watch for next month's Part 3.

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, March 10th, 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.

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 parteeper11@aol.com so she can give Perkins a heads up on how to staff the room.

ExComm 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.

We're Sorry

Our apologies go out to those who were turned away at our Feb. 20th phlocking at Belle Glade. Unfortunately we reached capacity and had to turn away some members because there was no place to sit and management was concerned as they needed to keep the tables in the back of the bar area open for dinner guests. The snow birds are here and you should get to Phlockings early and bring your own chairs. We do not put a limit on seating, but listen to management with their concerns. Please remember - we do not rent the space at the restaurants and we need to react to what management wants. It is their restaurant and we are their guests.



Alma-Rose Scheer Interview

The Parrot Head profile this month features none other than little old me! (Thanks Steve and Mark – this should be interesting.)

Jim and I purchased our home in The Village of St. Charles in 2012 and moved in full time in 2014. We love our central location and an added bonus is that I am close to my two sisters! And now that I am living in the Deep South I think it's only fitting that I start going by my given name, Alma-Rose. Yes, my Mom named me after both my grandmothers (bless their hearts) but they left the hyphen out on my birth certificate so I am hereby reinstating it! In fact if y'all happen to spy me at a Phlocking and think to yourself, "Why, butter my buns and call me a biscuit! Isn't that Miss Alma-Rose over yonder? I haven't seen her in a coon's age! She's looking cuter than a speckled pup!" - I won't take it amiss. You might even offer to buy me a Mint Julep, which I will politely decline, because they're nasty.

Well, on with the show! Besides the Parrot Head Club, I am a member of the Celtic Club, the Baby Boomers, and the Cricut Club. I also enjoy water aerobics, Nia, dancing, card making, and reading on my lanai where I enjoy watching my neighborhood wildlife. Not my wild neighbors, silly! I mean the birds, bunnies, and squirrels.

Miss Alma-Rose was born and bred on Long Island and lived in Uniondale through her High School years. After that she did some moving around and spent seven years living off the grid in Washington along the beautiful Skagit River. Yes, she chopped wood, pumped water, grew strawberries and vegetables. No power, no telephone, no running water. Lots of bald eagles fishing for salmon and a view of a snow-capped ridge. It was heaven but hard to make a living. So she headed south to California.

She worked in a variety of businesses as office manager during her over 30 years in Northern California, always as a one woman office. These included a chiropractor, and an acupuncturist, (hence her interest in holistic health), a metaphysical publishing company (where she also did editing and proof-reading) and finally a custom hardwood flooring company. She is also a nationally certified massage therapist, a certified hypnotherapist, and taught mediation and energy healing classes.

Miss Alma-Rose and Jim have one daughter, a son-in-law, and grand puppy who live in Oakland, Ca.

Her sister Pat Petretti introduced her to the Parrot Heads and she enjoys decorating for the parties and writing newsletter interviews and was very touched to have received the Golden Parrot Award this year.

Miss Alma-Rose loves the caring attitude of the club members in their community outreach efforts and of course the great music and dancing with the fun-loving club members she has met over the years. Her advice to new members is to take advantage of some of the many opportunities to volunteer in a way that brings you joy!



RETAIL(HOMOSASSA)	140
TOTAL MEMBERS	1152
RENEWING MEMBERS	897
NEW MEMBERS	255
MEMBERS NOT RENEWED	258

This month I thought it would be cool to just look at and analyze some information. The top line in the chart above says 140 orders for RETAIL at HOMOSASSA. That's right, for the first time, we sold Wristbands and shirts ONLINE. Those 140 orders generated over \$3200.00 in income. We not only sold WRISTBANDS, but we sold 3 different shirt bodies in 7 sizes. That means we had 22 different items you could buy all online. That's a great start with lots of potential for the future use of ONLINE sales.

Let's look at the membership numbers. They are interesting. We currently have 1152 members. That is within 3 members of the total for last year. Out of 1154 members at the end of last year, almost 900 have rejoined. That's over 77% retention of our membership. History tells us that is well above the retention rate we have had in previous years (even though total membership was higher). What that also indicates is that while our total numbers may be down from before Covid, the members we have are more active and have a greater possibility to be long time Parrot Heads.

And finally, let's look at one more interesting number. The number of members who did NOT rejoin from 2021 is TOTALLY negated by the new members who joined for 2022. That is a very key number because it indicates that our turnover is fulfilled with new members. So, what does this all mean. It means that our membership remains strong and is each member is more active as we continue to deal with these recent Covid updates.

As always, here's my request: The Website may look impressive and have a lot of cool things and we were proud to have been the PHIP Website of the Year award in 2020. Since the winner is not allowed to compete again, we were mentioned as a great example to follow when PHIP announced the contest for this year. But, as cool as all that is, it is not how our success should be measured. It has to be measured by how often you use the website and how much of it you find important. So, let me know! What do you like? What would you like to see? What is hard for you to do on the site and what is easy. We are always looking to make the website more of a tool for everyone to use.

Have a great month.

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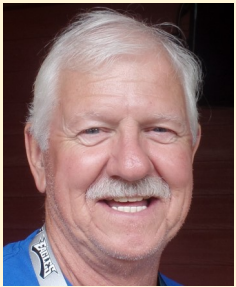
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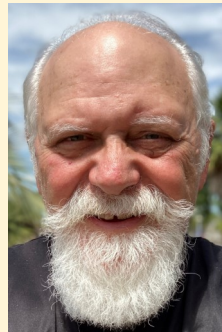
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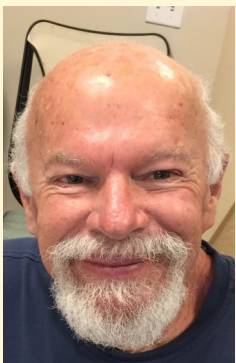
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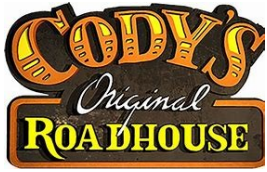
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