

## 2021 Villages Parrot Head's Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrot Heads 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 and our membership is very generous and active as you will see.

As with most clubs, we started out the year in limbo, not knowing where we were headed. But our members were up to the challenge. We finished strong, as we are back to having 3 phlockings a month, numerous fundraisers, and other events where our club members could "Party with a Purpose".

While we were shut down, our members commitment to help others was second to none. We held driveway parties with entertainment where everyone could spread out to their own comfort level and enjoy the day. Each one had a food drive, and we continued our food drives each month at a phlocking when they returned in May. I am happy to report that our members donated over \$9,189 in food, supplies and cash for our local food pantries.

Even this pandemic did not slow our members and their friends from participating in our five blood drives. In the early part of the year, we gathered outside, so everyone could feel safe. They even braved one of the coldest/windiest days in February, outside, to donate the give of helping others by giving blood. After the outside drives we were fortunate to be back in the friendly confines of Firehouse #44 where we have always had our blood drives. I am excited to report that through our drives, we were able to donate 1913 pints of blood to those in need. Another way to look at it is 239¼ gallons of blood. As each pint of blood can help save the life of up to 3 people, we were able to help 5,739 people. We then helped the firehouse with their fire prevention by stuffing goodie bags for their fire prevention night. Being a former Battalion Chief in the fire department, I could not be prouder of our members.

As we do each summer, we held a fund drive for the Wildwood Middle School to help the children. Members donated over \$830 worth of school supplies and we finished with a day at Cody's Roadhouse with entertainment and collected \$3,000 in cash which we donated to the school. The new principal was overwhelmed.

In September, we held a shoe drive where members could donate new or slightly used shoes which were donated to Shepherd's Lighthouse which is an organization that helps people navigate homeless single mothers through life's storms by rescuing, empowering, and renewing their lives. We donated \$3,600 worth of shoes and also gave them \$1,050 cash to help their needs.

We held 2 more fundraisers at Cody's Roadhouse in which we donated \$2,200 to Operation Shoebox in September, and \$2,000 to the Marion County SPCA in November.

Also in November, one of our members held a Candy Cane drive-by party, at his home, for the Marine Corp Toys-4-Tots program. Our members and friends donated over \$2,000 in cash and toys for the kids.

In 2022, we have our Annual Golf cart and basket Raffle for Charity already scheduled for March. This is a big fundraising effort and our members put in many hours. We also will be scheduling our Annual Golf Tournament this year to help fund Alzheimer's research.

In closing, I would like to praise our members who, in a year when we started all couped up and

were asked to social distance, we finished on a high note. Our members helped raise \$111,896 in cash and in-kind donations and worked 8967 volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$23.07, with the value of these hours being \$206,867. In total, our club was responsible for over \$321,763 in charity work.

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.

Mark Woodland

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