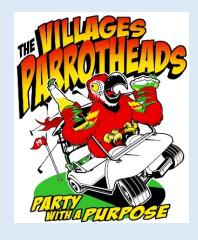
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December 2023 Edition

Edited by Stephen Larson





President's Corner

It's hard to believe that this will be the last President's corner of 2023. Wow – how time flies. What a year. High's and Lows. We lost some beloved members of our club and we lost Jimmy Buffett. But we did more for those in need than we ever did before and you should be proud of our club.

I know I am.

Let's talk about November, as it started off with a fantastic Landshark's concert at the Savanah center. Sorry I missed it but I had a family commitment, and hopefully I will make the next one – there will be a next one!!

Our last blood drive of the year took us over the top for blood donations. Thanks to you, we remain the number one blood donation site in the state of Florida. I know I say this a lot, but it is because of Skip Todd and Fran Durr that we continue to achieve this status. THANK YOU!!

Our Toys-4-Tots campaign was a great one. Thanks to Jack and Chris Maiz for holding our drive by again, and thanks to Rocky & Michelle for donating their tips from Cody's. Together we raised over \$4,300 for this worthy cause to help kids at Christmas time. A Team Drink to you all.

As we head into December, we have another phun-philled month ahead with three great phlockings, a driveway party in the Village of Newell on the south side, and of course our Christmas and Holiday party. It will be a great month. I hope you will join us for the festivities.

Watch your emails and our Facebook page as we have some exciting announcements coming soon for the year 2024. Wow – 2024 – just wow!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you – our members, your families and friends and a safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. Always keep your phins up - __/__!!

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Wednesday, December 6th Phlocking

We will get the month of December started at the Palmer

Country Club on Wednesday,
Nov. 1st. The party starts at 3:30
and goes until 6 PM. We will
welcome back Cathy Kerns who
will do her best to keep the
dance floor full.



Wednesday, December 13th Phlocking



Nov. 8th is our lunch
Phlocking at the Havana
Country Club. It's a great
way to spend an afternoon.
Dan Flok is back and he
always provides us with
great entertainment. Don't
miss him.

Sunday, December 17th Phlocking

Our last Phlocking of 2023 will be at the Belle Glade Country Club from 3:30 to 6:00. The Phins UP Shop is open for business. The music will be provided by Hollywood and the Tropix which will give us a great way to end this great year. It will be a great party.



One Of The Best Concerts Ever!

If you missed the Landsharks at the Savanah Center in November, you missed one of the best Jimmy Buffett tribute band concerts ever held in the Villages. A Conga Line formed on the very first song they played. Wow! What a party. The Concert was scheduled for 90 minutes and they played for 2 hours. The band was having so much fun they lost track of time! If the Landsharks return next year, Don't Miss This Opportunity!!



Sanford Bus Trip



Sure gonna miss you!

Please note: On
December 7th, a bus will
depart the Walmart Garden
Center lot on 466 promptly
at 2 PM. If you arrive late,
you will miss the bus!







You're Invited to a Driveway Party!



"Come join us for an afternoon of Jimmy Buffett music featuring Dave McKenney from the band Hungry Hard Luck Heroes. Dave has been performing live for over 15 years, and back In 2021 formed Hungry Hard Luck Heroes as a way to pay

tribute to the early years of Jimmy's career. A long time fan of Jimmy's and an admitted Parrot Head, Dave celebrates the music that started it all for Jimmy, bringing many of the classics we all know and love to his performance. And even a few you may have forgotten you loved! So mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special afternoon paying tribute to the legacy of Jimmy Buffett!"

Charla Casino charlab@casinofamily.net

Event Information

December 9th @ 2pm - 5pm; The Village of Newell, 1960 Keel Ct. (South End).

Please bring a food dish to share. We will have a table for the food. Bring you chairs. We will provide the following: Cold Bottled Water, Paper plates, Utensils, Napkins, and Ice. You will need to bring your own personal drinks. At the end of the concert, we will be passing the hat.

Please park on one side of the road. We will have "No Parking signs" as well. The road cannot be blocked for any reason as emergency vehicles and residents need to use the roads too. **This event is for members of the Villages** parrot head club only. Since there is limited space, please do not invite anyone outside the club. Parking will also be limited, Car Pooling is highly recommended.

Holiday/Christmas Party

The date for this year's Holiday Party is December 20th and we've secured the Savanah Center. The cost will be \$40 per person, Cody's will cater the dinner and the music will be provided by the Missing Links. This will be a great Parrot Head party to end 2023. Tickets are now on sale and there are only 10 left. If you want to celebrate with your friends and soon to be friends, buy tickets today. The Chairperson is Mary Wallace mary33w@aol.com.







Panama City Beach Rendezvous 2024

Rendezvous 2024 Registration is open! 2024 will be the biggest and best yet. There will be some familiar faces, some local faces, and some Rendezvous virgins in the music lineup.

The Rendezvous preparty is on Wednesday, April 17th & 18th and the beach concert starts on Friday and goes until late Saturday night (April 21). You can bring your own coolers and beach chairs and park yourself under one of the Club's tents and listen to one of the world's best TropRock concerts. Renee Adams, straight from Radio Margaritaville and one of our members, will be the emcee --how about THAT!

There are 99 members signed up to attend this year. Most people stay at the condos directly across the street from Sharky's at the Origins at Seahaven https://originatseahaven.com. If you want to attend, don't put this one off. It will sell out early. All the great events do.

More information at panamacityphc.org/rendezvous





Anniversary Party

In 2024 our Club will be 20 years old. That's a great reason to celebrate with a great big party which we will have on March 1st, 2024 at the La Hacienda Recreation Center. Mark your calendars and watch the Newsletter and Mark's emails for details as we get closer to the date. It will be a party to remember.



Travel Committee

The next meeting will be from 1 to 3 PM at the Churchill Downs Recreation Center (2375 Churchill Downs), on Thursday, December 14th. You need to be a Village resident to attend. We need you to help plan our great trips for the rest of 2023 and then start work on trips for 2024. You will also earn some Parrot Points for just attending the meeting. The reason we have the largest Parrot Head Club in the Universe is because we do things: Cruises, event day trips, all inclusive resorts, weekend getaways, beach outings, etc. This is the Committee where Phun Travel is created. We need people to get involved.





October Food Drive

The November Food Drive at the Belle Glade Phlocking collected \$638 for the Lake Pan Food Pantry

December Food Drive

The December food donations will be accepted at the Palmer Phlocking. Please be generous.

2023 Blood Drive Results

Our club set a new record for the most blood donated by any Florida site in 2023. We donated 1970 pints of blood which can help save the lives of over 5900 people. Special thank you and a team drink to Skip Todd, our blood drive coordinator, who works so hard and puts up with a lot of grief. Also - special thanks to Frannie Durr, our blood drive volunteer coordinator, and a special thank you to all our donors, and volunteers who continue to make us the "No.1 Blood donation site in the state of Florida." Let's keep the title in 2024. A team drink to all !!

Toys-4-Tots Candy Cane Drive-by Totals

Once again, a special Thank You and a Team Drink to Jack and Chris Maiz for opening up their home and driveway for

our toy and/or donation collection.
Also, a special Thank
You to Santa Claus
for coming all the way from the North
Pole to join us.

This year we also got a helping hand from Rocky and Michelle who played at Cody's Brownwood on the 28th. They donated





all of their tips for the night to Toys for Tots.



The totals for 2023:

- \$425 cash/checks
- 313 Toys valued at \$10 each
- 3 Bikes valued at \$50 each
- Rocky & Michelle's tips of \$651

Total Ddonations = \$4,356

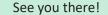
Festival of Trees

The Festival of the Trees is at the Waterfront Inn until Dec. 12th when they will be auctioned off (6:00 to 7:00 PM) with the money going to the Special Olympics of Sumter County.

Marty McKay and friends have once again produced the most spectacular tree of the event.

A small donation at the door will admit you to a fantastic evening of light snacks, music (Just Mike) and a cash bar.

We're told that this tree might end up at the Club's Holiday/Christmas Party and be given away to a lucky member.







Another Benefit for Kids at Christmas

Each year, Dennis Spoillane, the weekend Bartender at Bonifay Country Club, has a huge benefit to help out the children of women at battered women's centers in the area, and they have had a huge success in the past years.

This year, due to some major personal reasons, he is not able to have the benefits that he has in the past.

We have decided to help him out.

We will be helping put on a benefit for "Dennis's Kids" on Saturday evening, **December 16th. 2023**, from 5pm to 8pm, at Bonifay Country Club breezeway.

We are asking for a \$5 donation when you come in, and also an unwrapped toy worth \$15 or more, or a donation towards a toy worth \$15 or more.

Entertainment will be me, "Mark the Shark DJ" as I have decided to donate my time to this cause (and everyone else is booked)

Please plan on joining us and tell/bring your friends, and bring chairs as this may be crowded. Please help us for this worthwhile event as



Combat Veterans to Careers



Pictured above is the Big Check for \$2,000 being given to David Booth, President and CEO of Combat Veterans to Careers Charity in Wildwood. David is a former Army Ranger, retired Master Sergeant and Purple Heart recipient from a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Combat Veterans to Careers (CVC) was founded in The Villages in May 2012 with the commitment to serve combat veterans and their families. They have provide assistance to more than 955 veteran families in the area of education, employment, housing and wellness.

Accessing care and benefits through the VA, utilizing earned education benefits, training for civilian careers, securing affordable housing and developing a quality resume package are just a few of the ways CVC continues to help our veterans transition back into civilian life.

Corporate Sponsor Club Discounts

Three of our Corporate Sponsors are now giving discounts to Club members. Lake Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC is giving a 10% discount, FertiGator is giving members \$25 off and our newest sponsor, Pedego Electric Bikes is giving a 10% discount on all Pedego accessories when you show them your Parrot Head lanyard.







New Members

John Blackwell

Lucille Blackwell

Linda Brian

Claire Brown

Daniel Delbianco

John Denosky

Susan Drummond

Bob Frick

Vicki Ziesel Frick

Christine Garvey

Ken Gordy

Mary Gordy

Carol Hardy

Mike Hardy

Sandy Hidalgo

Victor Hildalgo

Sylvia James

William James

Steve Kendrick

Robyn Koebel

Lisa Koualczuk

Joyce Kruk

Lance Malczewski

Lori Malczewski

Cindy McCabe

Kevin McCabe

Dan McCoy

Laurie McCov

Lenor Ott

Tom Regan

Amy Shaw

Walter Ucci

Yvonne Ucci



Renew for 2024

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 at patamus1747@gmail.com

Member Advocate

Jack Maiz is the Club's Member Advocate. Jack 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 <a href="mailto:j

Club Historian

Did you know that we have a Club Historian? We do! Her name is Jean Howlett and she has been collecting Parrot Head articles, pictures and memorabilia for nearly a decade. For our newer members, it's a history of our Club's growth. For the members who have been with the Club for a longer time, it's a stroll down memory lane with many of our friends who are no longer with us. Her books are available at some of our phlockings and special occasions. If you're interested in looking at our Club's past, contact Jean at 352 571 4689 or email her at a1944jean@gmail.com

New Members Orientation Meeting

On December 18th at 10 AM at the Bonifay Country Club a meeting will be held to help our new members understand what our Club is about, how to get involved and all the ways we promote Phun. If you don't know, you should mark your calendars and Go! It's a great way to get into the grove and make some new friends.



Help Wanted

We are a club run by people who volunteer. We need people to step up and help. Listed below are the positions available:

Attendance: Volunteers are needed for Phlockings at Palmer, Havana and Belle Glade. Contact Jaci Burdash at ilb2500@gmail.com to volunteer.

50/50: Volunteers needed at all Phlockings. Contact Debra Warren at Warrendeborah7@gmail.com if you can help selling 50/50 tickets.

Membership Table: Volunteers needed to staff the Membership Table at 1 Phlocking each month. Contact Johnny Ward at johnnyward300@yahoo.com.

Assistant Newsletter Editor: If you can write creatively and have Microsoft Publisher, you can help put this award winning newsletter out each month. Please contact Steve Larson at sklarson01@gmail.com

Trip Managers: Each day trip the Club makes requires someone to make sure the people who purchased tickets get on the bus before we leave and back on the bus before we come back home. In return, you get to sit in the front of the bus and make a bunch of new friends. Go to a Travel Committee meeting (see page 4) and get involved. You will be glad you did!

Security: The Club has a small group of members who are available to assist members, maintain order and watch the cash and merchandise at our events. We have an opening for another person. If you are interested, please contact David Walls at dmwalls2001@yahoo.com

Barb's Trivia Question:

What is the title of Jimmy Buffett's live double album released in 1979?

- a. Before the Beach
- b. You Had To Be There
- c. I'm Jimmy Buffett and You're Not
- d. Feeding Frenzy
- e. Floridays

Answer on Page 15

Rotary Club Chili Cookoff

Each year the Rotary Club hosts a Chili Cookoff at Lake Sumter Landing. Each year our Club wins the People Choice Award for the most money raised for charity. We plan to win again in 2024 with a lot of volunteer help from you. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 for the Rotary Club Chili Cook Off and Craft Beer Fair.

Dale Ross is the Club's Chili Chef with Ken McCreary helping out and Gary Steinback coordinating the volunteer effort. Following are the volunteer positions:

- Chili Servers (filling cups w/chili and handing them out)
- Donating Baked Goods (cookies and brownies in small bags)
- **Selling Baked Goods**
- Selling Water to the crowd
- Barkers to bring people to the booth
- Set Up and Tear Down

You will be able to sign up at the December and January Phlockings with Gary Steinbeck and pick the shift you are available to work. You get 1 Parrot Point for every two hours of volunteering.

Gypsy and Ren's Drink of the Month

It doesn't take much to put Ren and Gypsy in the Christmas Spirit. In fact, they consume plenty of Christmas Spirits every December and 2023 will be no different.



You can join them by making a Christmas Martini.

- 1 Part Chocolate Vodka
- ♦ 2 Parts Peppermint Vodka
- 1 Part Cream De Cacao
- ♦ 1 Part Peppermint Schnapps
- 1 Part Hershey's Syrup
- 2 parts Cream

Shake well with ice, strain into a Martini



glass, shave on some semi-sweet chocolate to float, and add a miniature candy cane. If you are leaving refreshments for Santa, please leave at least 3 because they go down real easy!!



Renew Your Membership

For those who haven't already renewed; your 2023 Parrot Head Club memberships expire December 31, 2023. It's important to renew now so there isn't a lapse in your membership. Those who haven't renewed yet can do so at https://villagesparrotheads.ticketleap.com/2024-renewing-member-registration; or click on the "Purchase Memberships" link on the homepage and "2024 Renewing Member Registration."

From our Web Master

Our goal for the Parrot Head Club website is to keep every-

body informed of current and upcoming events! November has been a busy month with a lot of events and the Thanksgiving holiday, and December will also be busy - with 3 Phlockings and a Travel Committee Meeting, a Lantern Festival Bus Trip, a Driveway Party, a New



Member Orientation, a Holiday Party, and of course Hannukah and Christmas. To help members stay abreast of all these events, flyers are maintained on the Villages Parrot Head Club homepage at https://www.villagesparrotheads.com/, with links to more detailed information where available. There is also a calendar link, and a lot of information is also posted on the Parrot Head Club Facebook Page.

While maintaining all the events on the website, much of webmaster time has been focused on membership emails. In addition to clearing up typos, etc., the goal in transitioning to 2024 is to have a clean slate where no emails bounce and everyone get's notifications of upcoming events (with the exception of those who unsubscribe or mark wixemails.com as Spam). We're down to 2 emails that bounce out of 1,465 members, and are working with the email provider to clear those up. If you have issues, please contact us as it's not always apparent when individual members aren't getting emails.

Volunteer Positions Outside the Club

Approved Clubs: Parrot Points are given to members who volunteer at approved charities. To be an "approved charity" the organization must be a not-for-profit registered with the State of Florida and be willing to track the hours worked each month and report them back to our club. Following are the charities that are approved at this time:

Wildwood Soup Kitchen: If you're interested in helping feed people, go to <u>wildwoodsoupkitchen.org</u> and fill out an application and put on the form that you are a Parrot Head for more information contact: Barbara McManus: (352) 299 6494 and/or

Email: barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com

The Villages Regional Hospital: Contact Gloria Counselman (352) 751-8176 or email her at

tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org

Cornerstone Hospice: If you are interested email Heidi

Gamet at hgaumet@cshospice.org.

Operation Homebound: This is the Meals on Wheels program for The Villages and surrounding areas. For more information, please call 352-689-1023, or email OHB@northlakepc.org.

Best Buddies International: This charity is dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of people with disabilities, such as Downs syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury. If interested email centralflorida@bestbuddies.org or call (407) 898 0787

Shepard's Lighthouse: This charity helps homeless women, mothers and their children get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter and training. They have 4 positions on their Board of Directors open. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, you will find this a rewarding way to help people in need. Contact Kathie Niesem (847-641 3287) or email at katcarl@prodigy.net for more information.



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Kevin Fuller. Before they retired Kevin and Linda bought a home in Largo which they rented out and then sold when they bought their current home in Mallory Square eight years ago. What they like about the area is that it is centrally located and a great neighborhood with active neighbors.

One of the activities they enjoy with their neighbors is a monthly event called Dinner on Thursday where a group from eight homes all golf cart to a restaurant together.

An interesting fact about Kevin is that he is a beekeeper! He kept bees as a hobby up north and now has several hives up at the truck farm behind the woodshop. They are also very active in Patriot Service Dogs, helping to socialize the dogs before they go to their patriot. You may have met some of these wonderful animals at some Parrot Head events. Kevin also enjoys golf, swimming, playing cards, and the Mallory Socialites club.

Kevin is originally from Merrick Long Island where he worked as VP of internal auditing for a large bank. He and Linda have two grandchildren; Isaac who just started college at Western Colorado University and Quinn who is six months old!

Jimmy Buffet performed at Jones Beach quite often and Kevin saw many of his concerts there. He wasn't aware that the Parrot Heads were a formal club until they moved to The Villages and Linda found out about the club. So of course they joined! In fact they met someone at a Phlocking who had a Patriot Service Dog with them and that's how they became involved with that wonderful organization.

Kevin is currently on our club's board serving as the Election Chair. He also volunteers on the travel committee, the Chili cook off, some golf outings, trips like Top Golf, and basically anywhere he is needed.

One thing about the club that Kevin is very proud of is all the work we do for charities such as raising money for Operation Shoebox to ship the packages and the school supplies we donate to the SOZO kids, and that we do it quietly in the background and not for the recognition. The other thing he loves about the club is the social aspect; enjoying great friends, music, dances, and the variety of activities the club offers.

His advice to new members is to put yourself out there. Get active and volunteer! He says many hands make light work and it's a great way to meet people.



Trop Rock Events & Resources Musicians TropRock Radio

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Www.sunnyjim.com

Trop Rock Junkies

Troprockjunkies.com

Jimmy Buffett

Home Page

Www.jimmybuffett.com

Margaritaville

www.margaritaville.com

Jimmy Buffett Lyrics

azlyrics.com/j/jimmybuffett.html

Pirate Head Radio

Www.pirateheadradio.com

Shore Life Radio

Www.shoreliferadio.com

Oyster Radio

Oysterradio.com

Radio Trop Rock

Www.radiotroprock.com

TropRock Festivals

Trop Rock Music Association Calendar of Events
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Panama City Beach 2024 Rendezvous panamacityphc.org/rendezvous

Parrot Head Clubs

On September 14th—17th the **Tampa Bay Parrot Heads** Club will celebrate their 29th birthday. The weekend party is at the Holiday Inn Express in Clearwater. Details and tickets are at www.finsup.com.

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Please support our Corporate Sponsors



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!



The Palmer Legends Country Club has been making space available for Club Phlockings for over a decade. Their goal is to create a memorable experience for their guests. They believe "the taste of the roast is determined by the handshake of the host."



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.



StreetRod has been a Club sponsor for several years. They support our annual Golf Outing, food drives and our annual Poker run. They sell one of America's highest quality golf carts. They would like to show you what the StreeRod experience is with a test drive driving is believing. Call (352) 751-3953 to get a test drive and see the difference between your cart and a Streetrod



Jack Maiz is a Club Member and the owner of Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC. He specializes in Medicare Planning for Veterans on Tricare and Eligible Seniors, age 65 and over. He also specializes in Fixed Guaranteed Annuities. You can visit his website at at www.jmaizsafeharborllc.com or call him at (352) 205-6911



Owned by Club member Scott Larson, the Lake-Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC does just what the name says. Each year there are over 15,000 house fires caused by lint filled dryer vents. This local business can make sure your house isn't one of them. Call for an appointment at (352) 787 5202 or visit

Trivia answer is B. You Had To Be There

Please Support Our Corporate Sponsors



Our philosophy is based on our goal to empower you to live "your life, your way" via an information-rich culture. We are dedicated to maximizing the living benefits of life insurance and annuities to establish guaranteed income for life



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 offer a \$25 discount to all Parrot Heads.



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



Pedego Electric Bikes—Trailwinds Village is proud to be a Corporate Sponsor of the Villages Parrot Head Club. Owners Jeff and Sharon are villages and long-time Parrot Heads. They are passionate about bringing Pedego's FUN colorful e-bike line-up to the recreational lifestyle of The Villages and look forward to many opportunities to partner with like-minded Parrot Heads to create FUN and serve our community. You are invited to stop by the store (off 466A—between Lowes and Publix) - most likely Buffett will be playing, Introduce yourself and take a bike for a spin. It's guaranteed to put a smile on your face.



The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We appreciate the space and the support.



Parrot Head Travel Committee

2nd Thursday of the Month, 1pm - 3pm

Nov 9, 2023 Dec 14, 2023 Jan 11, 2024 Feb 8, 2024

Be creative, bring your festive ideas, and earn a volunteer point!

Cruises

Day Trips







Churchill Street Recreation Center, 2375 Churchill Downs

Note: Village ID is required to attend (Sorry - Village rules, not ours)



HOLLERBACH'S

GERMAN RESTAURANT

Date: December 7, 2023

BUS TRIP

Price: \$50.00 (includes admission to the Lantern

Festival and the bus)- No Refunds

Departure #1: Bus leaves from Walmart 466 Garden area **Promptly** at **2** PM. So if you arrive at 2:15 the bus will be gone. Arrive in Sanford approximately 3:30.At that time you can go to Hollerbach's or shop and eat on your own.

Departure #2 Bus leaves downtown Sanford at 6:30 PM at the same point that you were dropped off at to attend The Asian Lantern Festival at the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens for the 7:00 PM Lantern Tour

Return: Bus Leaves the Zoo' at 8:30 PM and arrives at Walmart 466 @ approx.9:30 PM

No glass on the bus. Tervis Tumbler type glasses are okay

Tickets go on sale on November 1, 2023. Visit www.villagesparrotheads.com to purchase your seat. Under "Quick Links" go to "Purchase Event Tickets"

Chair: Sheila Hughes (513) 324-3150 -Asst. Chair: Ellen McLees (732) 814-5741 Arrive at Hollerbach's for an early dinner and drinks (on your own with plenty of time afterward for visiting the Market and Shopping in Sanford's Historic downtown area.

4th Annual Asian Lantern
Festival features over 30
larger-than-life
sculptures, lit from
within, by LED lights.
Hand made frames,
covered with fabric,
create beautiful
illuminated plants,
animals, butterflies and
more.

FYI: The festival is a walking journey on a 3/4 mile path around the Zoo. Manual wheelchairs are available for rental on a first come basis at the admissions window.



Happy Holidays

2023 HOLIDAY PARTY December 20, 2023 Savannah Center

5 PM - 9 PM



Tickets: \$40.00 Per Person - Non Refundable
Tickets go on sale on November 1, 2023.

Chair: Mary Wallace 630-453-3607

Assistant Chair: Gloria Veurink 727-542-8125

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