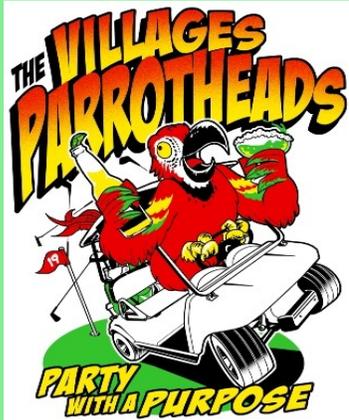




# February 2021 Edition

## President's Corner



It was good to see so many club members at our first 2021 driveway party with “Just Mike & Gary”. Thanks to Lee & Sue Caron again for the use of your garage and driveway. This month’s entertainment is “Danny B” with his banjo & guitar playing our phavorites at Bonnie & Dave Wall’s driveway. Read on and watch emails and Facebook for more info.

I am being told that the “Florida Cracker” Homosassa Riverside resort is sold out for our “Last Monkey Standing” weekend in May. So try the McRae’s resort across the street for vacancies if you plan to go. As usual, there is great entertainment being planned for a great weekend.

This month we hope to finalize the details for our Daytona beach Getaway in October. You all know how much phun we had last year, so watch your emails and facebook for more info coming soon.

There will also be more info about our Parrot Head Cruise in 2022. Boy – the phun just keeps on being planned so if you haven’t renewed, make sure you go online and do it soon, to pe part of it all.

Our Blood drive is Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at the Polo grounds. I am proud to say we have over 400 appointments so far, but we can always use more and help volunteering. Afternoon walk ins are welcome.

As you can see – there is a lot going on, so keep your eyes and ears open, as we continue to plan more phun stuff !!

Keep your Phins Up  !! C U all soon !!

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### Corporate Sponsors:

- Parady Life & Annuity
- Cody’s Roadhouse
- Palmer Country Club
- Mallory Hill Country Club
- Fire Station #44
- Laird Law, P.A.
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- Legacy Country Club
- Havana Country Club



## Coming To You In 2021

Normal is not a question of "if", it's a question of when. As soon as the Villages allows us to start holding events, we will begin to start reserving space for our parties again. When enough of us have been vaccinated, the Phlockings will begin again. The ExComm will keep you informed as we find out. Following is what the ExComm are several Phun events we are working on for 2021.

### Driveway Concert

On February 15, from 3 to 5, Bonnie and Dave Walls have volunteered the use of their driveway at 1577 Gullberry Place in the village of Gilchrist. Danny B will be the entertainer.

### Homosassa Getaway

We are going to Homosassa !! Last year, our final Homosassa Riverside Festival was cancelled. We told you that we were going to re-visit it again in 2021 - well we have, and our "LAST MONKEY STANDING" Festival 2021 is ON !!

The dates are Saturday, May 1st 2021 & Sunday, May 2nd 2021. However most of us will be going on Friday April 30th, 2021 also.

The entertainment schedule is still being worked on but there will be a JB concert on the big screen at dark on Friday night, and entertainment from 12noon till 3pm and again from 6pm-9pm on both Saturday and Sunday. From 3pm-6pm is free time to do as you want. (can you say the Freezer, Crumps, The Shed, or the Margarita Bar?) All activities will be outside with plenty of room to spread out. We are looking into getting a water taxi for Saturday and Sunday also.

The Riverside resort is now called the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort, and as usual, our entertainment will be in the courtyard. You need to call the resort at 352-628-2474 to make a reservation. Tell them that you are with the Parrot Head group to get a 15% discount. The McRae's resort is right across the road.

NOTE: - **You MUST be a 2021 member of the Villages Parrotheads Club to make a reservation and buy a wristband.** If you have not renewed yet for 2021, you can go online and renew now.

If you are having a problem with the online system, or simply will not use it, contact Mark Goldberg at [mgoldberg1135@gmail.com](mailto:mgoldberg1135@gmail.com) or 714-873-5025 and he will guide you.

You will also need a wristband to attend, and it will be checked, so please do not forget it. Wristbands will be available soon, either online or in person to cover the cost of the entertainment. I will get you more info on this as soon as possible, but I wanted to give you the opportunity to book your rooms while we are making progress on plans. Time is getting short.

Watch your emails, newsletter, and our facebook page for more info about our "Last Monkey Standing" weekend in Homosassa and make your reservation as quickly as possible to join in on the Phun !! Reservation lines are now open !!

### Daytona Beach Getaway in October

The Best Western Aku Tiki Inn hotel loved being the host for the Parrot Heads. We are planning to do it again this year. They want us to come back and we want to go back. What could be a better way to spend a weekend? Party with your friends, listen to great trop rock music, walk the beach, swim in the ocean, have Bloody Mary breakfasts and Margarita sunsets. Too soon to make your reservation but not too soon to mark your calendars. This party is going to happen.



### Golf Outing

We want to have a golf outing this year. Still working on finding a date that works and a course to play.



# Charity News

**BLOOD DONOR  
IN  
PARROTISE!  
2021 BLOOD DRIVE**

The Villages  
Parrot Head Club

**Monday, February 1  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**The Villages Parrot Head Blood Drive**  
Hosted at the Polo Club  
703 N. Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, FL 32162

All donors will receive a

- **FREE Custom Long Sleeve T-Shirt with Parrot Head Logo\***
- **FREE \$10 eGift Card\***
- **Wellness Checkup** including COVID-19 antibody test and cholesterol screening.\*\*

**Hotdogs and refreshments will be served to all donors!**

## Letters From Charities

Club donations to Charities almost always produce a thank you letter in return. In December we made several donations and received the following letters.

### Wildwood Food Pantry

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 to the Wildwood Food Pantry. Your gift makes it possible to continue to provide food supplements to food insecure families in Sumter County. Currently we are serving round 350 families, 825 people each month, as well as helping several other food pantries in Sumter County. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity as an organizations, and as individuals. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Sincerely,  
Don Huggins  
Food Pantry Manager

### Operation Shoe Box

Thank you for your generous donation to the Operation Shoebox in support of our troops. There are still thousands of deployed U.S. military men and women all over the world, serving in harm's way—including Afghanistan and Iraq. With these donations, we are able to send the items that they are requesting or are not available to them. Each care package reminds them that they are thought of and cared about and that we appreciate them for the job they do.

Respectfully  
Camille Gieck  
Director, Operation Shoebox

### Christian Food Pantry

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your donations of food and money. It will go along way to help our clients. In addition to assisting local families in need who live in the Laky Lake area, we have also opened our services to anyone who has been laid off or has reduced hours from a business in our service area. We also work with Rolling Acres Elementary School to provide assistance to families who need some help with food. Now that school is started again, we will be talking weekend snack packs for 111 students each week.

Over half of the families are struggling to keep their family pet, often their only companionship. We do assist those families with pet food.

We know there are many worthy causes and resources re limited. We appreciate your decision to support the Christian Food Pantry especially during these difficult times. We know that through the grace of God and wonderful people like you in our community the Christian Food Pantry will be able to continue providing much needed, and appreciated services to our local residents in need.

Carrol Neal  
Director



## New Club Members

Becky Berning	Annie Horn
Deb Fuege	Gary Johnson
Jan Buege	Carrie Kifner
Stephanie Caruana	Jody Matherly
Veronica Cevallos	Edward McCaw
Lee Chitty	Chris Mitchell
Dan Chrabaszcz	John Olson
Jenne Chrabaszcz	Anna Pasquale
Jeff Cohen	Barbara
Jacquie Davis	Petrizzo
Nancy Davis	Paul Pfundstein
Steve Davis	Valerie Pfundstein
Mark Fabbro	Katheen Purdy
Pam Fabbro	Barbara Richardson
Barbara Violette Figiel	Lynne Rogers
Kathy Foley	Pam Rusinko
Richard Gato	]Shirly Sherman
Leone Gifford	Wayne Sherman
Steve Gifford	Kim Snyder
Charlotte Gizowski	Keith Tomas
Ed Gizowski	Linda Tomas
Linda Gordon	Jaime Tostarelli
Marlon Gordon	Leigh Tunstall
Cheryl Harvey	Richard Tunstall
	Anthony Warrior
	Colleen Warrior
	Dennis Wright
	Cindy Zabel

## 2021 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2021. The dues are \$20 per person. Soon we will be back to normal and the phun will start again. Your \$20 dues covers the cost of providing live music at our phlockings and defers part of the costs of our parties. This is how we keep the ticket prices low. Your \$20 dues also pay all the costs of maintaining an active club. We have operating expenses such as a storage unit, tents, tables chairs and storage bins. We also have postage, office supplies and much more.

Renewals must easily be done online through our website and online payment system. Our goal is to keep the Villages Parrot Heads the largest Parrot Head Club in the world.

**Please renew as soon as you can to keep us going.**

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## Who Gets To Live Like This

### From Jimmy's Life On The Flip Side Album

*There are waves outside my window  
There are airplanes in the sky  
There are ships on the horizon  
And a beach always nearby  
Fish tacos on the table, no surfer can resist  
How did I get this lucky  
Tell me who gets to live like this*

*I left my inhibitions  
Receding with the tide  
Talking with the turtles  
Lying side by side  
Seeking wiser counsel  
On a girl I can't resist  
Pass the seaweed salad, tell me  
Who, gets to live like this*

*Singing for money, playin' for fun  
How did I wind up in this band on the run  
Wake it up, make it up, shake it up, take it up  
There's more ways than one  
Jack of all trades, master of none*

*With fortune, or without it  
For paydays, or for free  
More latitudes than attitudes  
More everyone, and less me  
Just knowing what is possible  
Is the ring you don't want to miss  
I'm happy to inform you  
That we, get to live like this  
That we, all get to live this  
Live like this*



# Meeting Of The Minds

Recently, I have been asked a lot of questions such as "What is PHIP?" and "What is the Meeting of the Minds?". So here is just a short synopsis to help answer both questions.



**Parrot HEADS**  
*in Paradise, inc*

### What is PHIP?

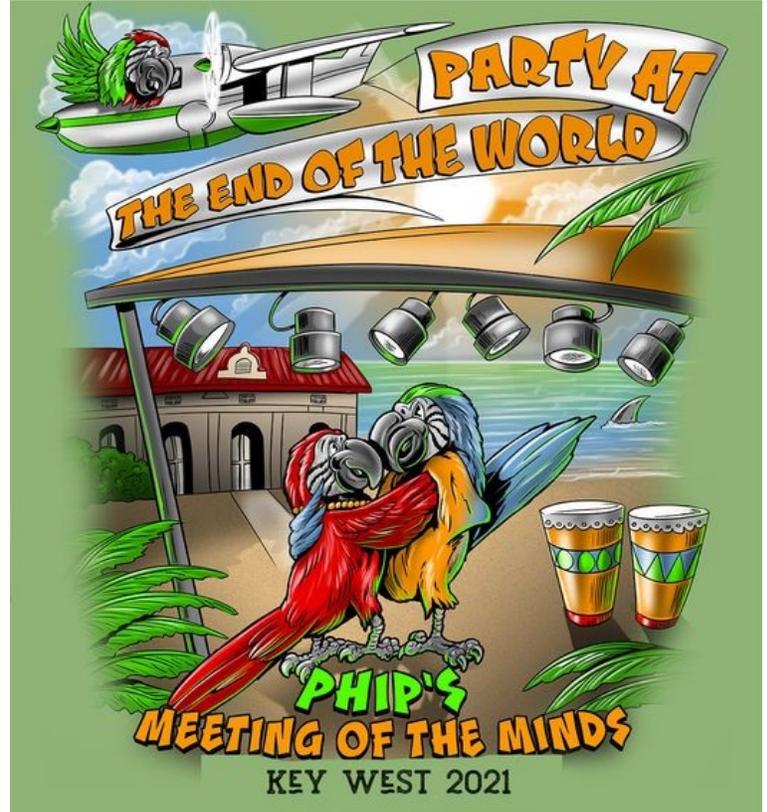
To be short, PHIP stands for "Parrot Heads In Paradise". PHIP is the parent organization that all Parrot Head clubs belong to, including ours – The Villages Parrot Heads Club. Each club pays dues to PHIP and that is how they are partially funded. There are approximately 207 Parrot Head clubs worldwide, and over 20,000 Parrot Head club members worldwide. The purpose of the organization is to promote the international network of Parrot Head Clubs as a humanitarian group sharing information and social activities for mutual benefit. Being a member of PHIP allows us many benefits such as the use of trademarked names such as "Parrot Head" and "Margaritaville", just to name a few.

### What is MOTM or Meeting Of The Minds?

The meeting of the minds is a gathering of Parrot Heads, each year, in Key West Florida. A few Thousand Parrot Heads attend. This usually takes place on the first weekend of November each year. Lots of Trop Rock artists come to the MOTM and play on stage at the Casa Marina, (the host hotel) as well as other establishments around the island. You will likely see many of the Coral Reefer Band there each year, and even Jimmy stops by occasionally. You must be a current club member and pay a registration to attend events at the Casa. Clubs such as Tampa Bay PHC, Sarasota Bay PHC, the Villages PHC, Space coast PHC, and others have parties with music for their members and friends to attend. Some are in the morning, and we go all day from there. We take a "Whacky Parrot" sunset cruise on Wednesday night aboard a catamaran with live music and refreshments. We also cruise up and down Duval street each day and especially night to take in the sights, stop for refreshments and really great food.

Mark the Shark

For more info on PHIP and the Meeting of the Minds go to [www.PHIP.com](http://www.PHIP.com)



Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - Sunday, November 7, 2021 in Key West, Florida





# Parrot Head Cruise

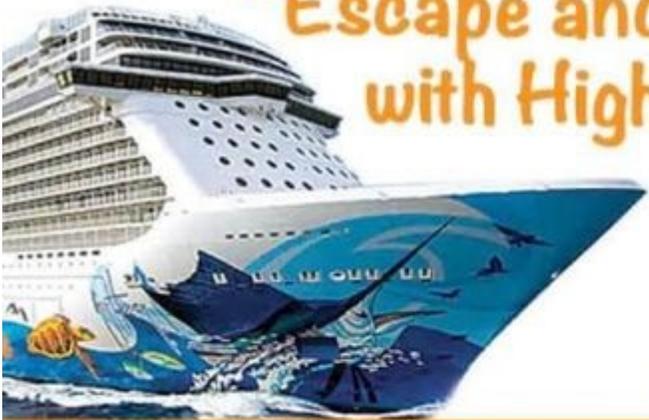
## Parrot Head Cruise

Parrot Heads from all over Florida will pack their bags and head for a cruise with the Highway 1 Band. Judy Koch, our Events Trustee, has advised that Club members are already signing up. Sounds like a full weeks worth of fun with your friends.

For more information, call Jenny Wilson at (855) 583 5240.



**“Escape and Have Fun with Highway 1”.**




**4/09/2022 – 4/16/2022**

Departs Port Canaveral, FL  
 Sea Day  
 Cozumel, Mexico  
 George Town, Grand Cayman  
 Ocho Rios, Jamaica  
 Sea Day  
 Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas  
 Home

**Have fun and raise money for**



- Up to four perks per cabin, based on the cabin type
- NCL will donate \$100 for each cabin booked to benefit the Homeless Vets of Central Florida
- Final Payment due 12/08/2021
- Entertainment Fee TBD



Cruise must be booked through Jenny Wilson



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I really have to thank all those who have commented or contacted me about the Website and the New On-Line Ordering System. People are starting to contact me about support and help that they need. To date, we have been able to resolve everyone's issues.

*Let's take a look at what we have accomplished. Did you know that:*

**Over 700** of you have joined or rejoined.

**Over 900** orders have been placed including tickets for The Holiday Party, The Drawings, etc.

Over 3000 Tickets and Memberships have been processed through the system.

**Over 50** people have gotten Volunteer Points for Giving Blood, during the pandemic when we could not hold our own Blood Drives, by completing the form on our website.

**New Membership List:** We have moved our Master Membership list to an updated process that AUTOMATICALLY adds you to the membership when you join On-Line.

So, why am I calling this month's column "Oops, I Did It Again"? Because we are always trying to improve our Online presence and in doing so, issues are bound to arise. Last month, as example, we found a couple.

**"I can't sign up On-Line":** A link did not get updated so, if you tried to join, you would get a message saying NO TICKETS WERE AVAILABLE. Thankfully, someone emailed me with the problem and the link was down for less than four hours.

**"But I already paid my membership, why are you saying I didn't":** Some people that had rejoined received the email blast indicating that they hadn't. This happens with manual lists. People were list as Bob, Dick or Becky and signed up as Robert, Richard, and Rebecca. There were also a few incorrect or changed email addresses. When that happens, it's easy to miss someone. Rest assured, these were manual errors, and, in ALL cases, your new memberships were there and it was the manual membership list that needed to be updated.

We continue to work to make things easier for our members. This includes improvements for those who are still hesitant or unable to do things On-Line. In the meantime, we're here for you.

Speak to you next month.



# Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Michael Smith. Michael and his lovely lady Gloria Lawrence, pictured at a dance, live in the Village of Liberty Park. Michael has lived there for ten years and chose the area for its location in close proximity to Buena Vista Blvd. and of course a short golf cart ride to Lake Sumter Landing.

Michael was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He used to live in the Florida Keys so he was well aware of Jimmy Buffet's music and that tropical lifestyle he sings about. He has also lived in Bay Ridge, outside of Annapolis MD, and the Cayman Islands.

Before he moved to The Villages Michael was self-employed, involved in many various businesses; including the apparel business, retail/wholesale, the automobile industry as dealer principle in two different Toyota dealerships and a Mazda dealership, just to name a few. He is currently the founder of a crypto currency business though the current pandemic has put some of that on hold for now.

Since the Parrot Head Club is very active here in The Villages it wasn't long before Michael became aware of it. It seemed that he noticed them doing a fund raiser or having a meeting as he was out and about or holding an event like the Poker Run. He was impressed by the camaraderie, and the enthusiasm of the members he met and after sitting among them several times at Cody's he and Gloria decided to join the club.

Michael and Gloria are both members of the Charity Committee focused on the fund raisers, and you've probably seen them working as a team selling the 50/50 and raffle tickets at many of the events held at Cody's.

Michael is impressed with how the club is willing to fully engage in raising money for worthy projects whether it be for education, or clothing, or food. He likes that there is always something going on with the club. When asked what advice he would give to new members about getting involved in the club he answered, "Buckle up!" He also advises to keep an open mind, don't be judgmental, and prepare to have a good time.

Interview by Alma Scheer



# Executive Committee



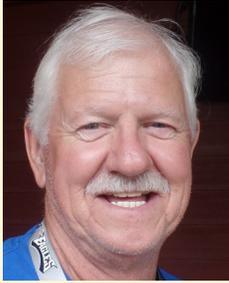
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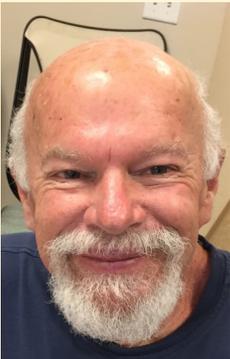
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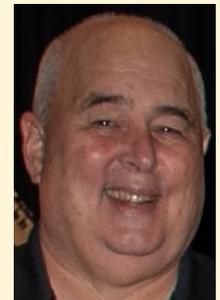
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## 2020 Villages Parrotheads Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrotheads Club's annual report highlighting major club events undertaken by our members. We are fortunate and proud to have the world's largest Parrothead club membership and our membership is very generous and active as you will see.

As with all clubs, our club saw a difficult year with the covid-19 pandemic. However, that did not defray our club members' desire to help those in need, no matter what the circumstances.

In January, we held a Country Western Hoedown, and with the help of our Corporate sponsor, Parady Financial, we were able to raise and donate \$4000 to Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers) which helped to feed homeless veterans and their families. Later in the year, we held a drive-by baby supply drive and then a driveway party gift card drive, which raised over \$2,500 to help these families with young children

In February, for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we won the People's Choice award at the Rotary Club's Chili Cook-Off where we raised over \$2000 for charity. We also donated \$3000 to Shepherds Lighthouse which is an organization that helps people navigate homeless single mothers through life's storms by rescuing, empowering, and renewing their lives.

In March, due to the coronavirus shut downs, we raised over \$4500 with a drive-by/mail-in donation fund to help out of work servers and bartenders at the locations that we frequent. The club also added funds to make a total of \$5000.

In April, we held a golf cart rally for "Mary's fund". Mary is a single mother with 6 children and the manager of a local establishment that we frequent. Her home burnt down and she lost everything. We had over 40 golf carts with donations of food, household items, clothing, and cash to help her. We did not tally how much we gave, but we did it out of love and caring.

Even with the shutdown, throughout the year, we were able to hold three blood drives at outdoor venues. Once again, the response from our members, as usual, was amazing. Our members also helped out and held neighborhood blood drives at their homes. For 2020, 837 pints of blood (or 104.35 GALLONS) were donated.

Unfortunately, and due to Covid, our annual Golf Cart Poker Run / Basket raffle had to be cancelled. However, there were over 150 baskets with items donated by our members to raffle off. We used an online system, created by our webmaster, to hold an online basket raffle and our members donated over \$8,000 for our charities.

Our Food Pantry support continues to be an ongoing and significant Club activity. In 2020, \$8,404 in cash, and in-kind donations were given to various food pantries.

In closing, I would like to praise our members who, in a year when we were all couped up and asked to social distance, and where volunteer opportunities were few, they helped raise \$59,244 in cash and in-kind donations and worked 8,864 volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$23.07, with the value of these hours being \$204,494.00.

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

President, The Villages Parrotheads Club



# January 2021

