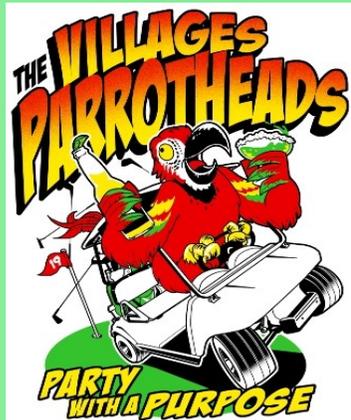


# Coco-Nutz's Telegraph

August 2021 Edition



## President's Corner

It was a shame that we had to cancel a phlocking in July due to weather but we still had two great phlockings with lots of phun. Remember, we will always put the safety of our members first.

We were able to have our first major fundraiser since early 2020 which benefitted the Wildwood Middle High School. Thanks so much to Jan Donegan and her committee for their hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause. And special thanks to Jack Maiz and Safe harbor Financial & Insurance service for donating our door prize. Because of all of you, we were able to donate \$3,900 worth of school supplies and cash to the school. Thanks for making this a huge success. A team drink to all.

July also saw the return of the "Pop-Up Parrot Head Party" at Cody's. Always keep your eyes open as these are last minute planned and you never know where or when one will – "Pop-Up".

August will of course bring us three more phlockings and our first Pool Party in 2 years at Seabreeze Rec Center pool. This has been sold out for a while but keep your eyes and ears open as there are always last minute cancellations that are posted on Facebook and talked about. This year looks like it will be a classic as the committee has some great ideas and Retro Express will be playing music for us.

Tickets will go on sale on-line this month for our Halloween bash at Lake Miona Rec Center on Saturday, October 23rd. Cactus Jack and the Cadillac's will be playing that night so get your costumes ready. Watch your emails, Facebook, etc for more info on this.

As we look further into the future, on Labor Day weekend, Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our first ever member appreciation party at Laurel Manor Rec. Center gazebo. Music that day will be our phriends Mike & Terri. There is no cost for this and it is a bring your own everything event. You must be a member to attend as we want to thank all of you for sticking with us through this pandemic and keeping us the largest and best parrot Head club in the world.

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# Club News

## August Phlockings

### August 4th at Palmer CC

Bring your chairs and plan to get there early. The Phins Up Shop is open. Hollywood & the Tropix are back by popular demand and the party is from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.



### August 8th at Belle Glade CC

The Phins Up Shop is open. Robert France will be providing the entertainment from 3:30 to 6 PM.



### August 18th at Havana CC

We are at the Havana Country Club. It's a good idea to bring your chairs. This Phlocking runs from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. The Phins Up Shop is closed. This is the Food Donation Phlocking. This month the donations will go to the Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry. Mike and Terrie will provide the music.



## Summer Golf Scrambles

Winners of the 2nd Parrothead golf scramble at Bogart executive course with a score of 5 under par was Lisa MacLeod, Bill Rodseth, Chris Seguin and Paul MacLeod.



There are cancellations sometimes so you can get on the waitlist by emailing Lil Roe at [eliroe0403@att.net](mailto:eliroe0403@att.net)

## Pool Party

We are sold out. Here's the rest of the details: The party is from 3:30 to 7 PM. Bring your own food and drinks (Covid precaution). Don't forget your chairs and a small table if you need one for your snacks. The club will have some of their tents up but feel free to bring yours and they can be put up if space is available. We are using the new number system for a smooth entrance into the pool area which will only be through the locker rooms. Come ready to play some exciting games, hear some great music by Retro Express and have a great afternoon with your fellow Parrot Heads!

Chairperson is Kim Ross (937) 408-8488 and Assistant Chair is Julia Allen (352) 775-9698





## Daytona Beach Getaway 2021

Daytona Beach getaway, the hotel is sold out but you can still stay at an offsite location and join in on all the phun. There are rooms available at Perry's Ocean Edge Resort which is right next door (855 516 1090).

Wristbands will be going onsale online soon. If we become aware of any cancellations, a notice will be posted on the Club's Facebook page.

refreshments, food and chairs. The Club provides the entertainment which is Mike and Terry. Mark the Shark is the Chairperson of the event.



## Jimmy Buffett's Orlando Concert



Jimmy Buffett is playing live at the Amway Center in Orlando on Saturday night, December 11th, 2021. A bunch of our members decided to get tickets for the show. They are in section 225, row 12-13-14-15. You guessed it - the nose bleed sections. Tickets are not cheap and come to around \$106 each with all the taxes and fees. There are still some seats available. If you want to attend, you need to go onto the Ticketmaster website to purchase them. The club does NOT have tickets for sale.

We are also looking for a hotel ( or hotels) to stay at so we don't have to drive home from Orlando after the concert. Hey - there will also be a tailgate party somewhere which is also a lot of phun at a Jimmy Buffett concert. Get your tickets ASAP if you plan to go.



The **Halloween Party** will be held on October 23rd at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs will provide the music. Dee Dee Woodland is the event Chairperson.

The **Christmas Party** is on December 16th at the La Hacienda Recreation Center. Bonnie Walls is the Chairperson.



The **New Years Eve Party** is a BYOB and food event. Back by popular demand, Hollywood and the Tropix will provide the music. Chairperson is Audrey Desrocher.

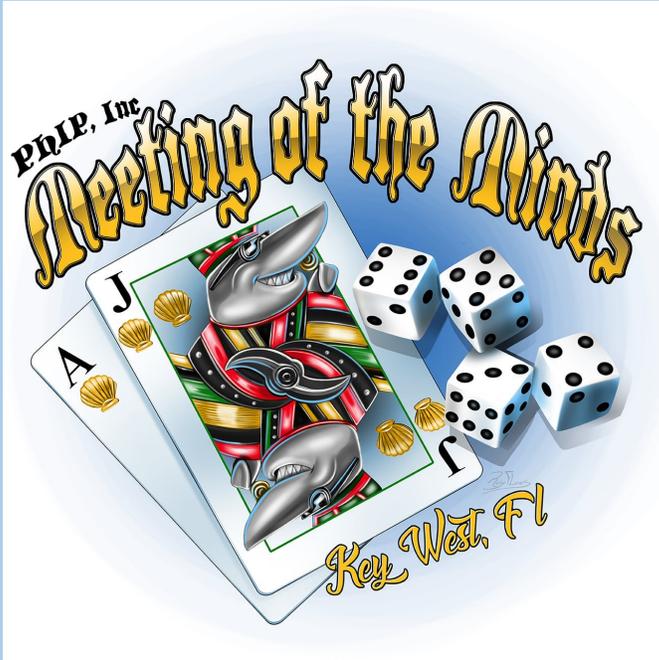


## Future 2021 Events

The **Labor Day Member Appreciation Picnic** will be held on September 4th at Laurel Manor. Bring your own



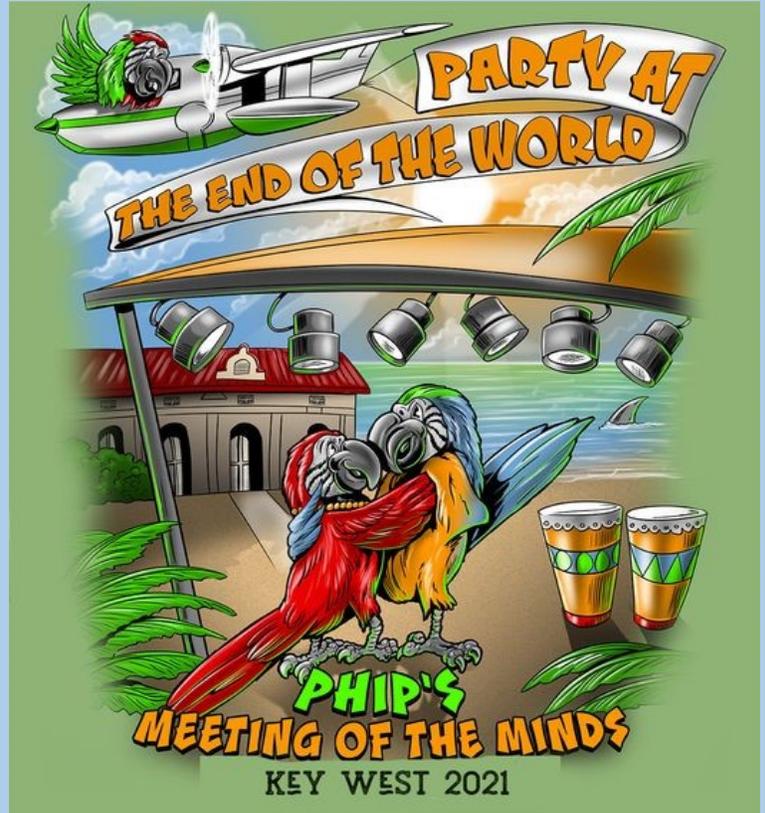
## Meeting Of The Minds



From Wednesday, November 3 to Sunday, November 7th, Parrott Heads from all over the world will descend on Key West for the annual MOTM Convention. If you've never been, it's a good time to go and if you've already been there, you know it's time to go back.

The Club is hosting a party at the Smoking Tuna on Saturday, November 6th starting at 9AM. Many Bloody Marys will be served.

We never know if Jimmy is going to show up. He does turn 75 this year. Some years and some years not. Everyone will have their fingers crossed and rumors will fly all on the coconut telegraph. What we can count on is listening to the best trop rock musicians in the world.



The Convention is at the Casa Marina Hotel but the party is spread all over Key West. Captain Tony's, Sloppy Joes, The Green Parrot, Hog's Breath, The Bull and Whistle and the Schooner Warf Bar to name just a few.

Sue Kermis is the Club's key contact person (585) 576-7622.

**One of the world's best parties for sure.**



**If you are going to Key West and decide to take a few days to get there, you may want to consider stopping at the Dolphin Key Resort the Pit Stop Party.**

**Southwest Florida  
Parrothead Club  
Pit Stop Party  
2021**



Once again the Southwest Florida parrot Head Club presents the SWFL M.O.T.M. Pit Stop Party. We will be raising money to support The Alzheimer's Association.

We will have some really great prizes, raffles and silent auction items. This year at the WORLDS LARGEST TIKI HUT, attached to The Dolphin Key Resort...

Yes, This means after spending the whole day of partying with the greatest PHriends in the world, you can just walk to your room and sleep it off or even take a nap sometime in the middle. Bring your suits the pool is open.

and don't forget to make your reservations at The Dolphin Key Resort (239 -945-0060) Pit Stop Party Rate \$85

<http://www.dolphinkeyresort.com/>

**DATE: 10/31/21**

**NOON TO 9 PM**

**Live Music All Day**

**Scotty Bryan Paul Roush Terri**

**Hood Rudy Cox Mike Miller**

**Dyke Corson Beth Travers**

**Danny Rosado Jack Mosley**

**Gary Phillips Steve Bowles Don**

**Middlebrook Just to name a**

**Few !!**





# Charity News

## Help Us Help Kids Fundraiser

Thanks to Jan Donegan, Sheila Hughes, Rob Ainsley, Marsha Herring and her volunteers for organizing the Club's annual fundraiser for the Wildwood Middle High School (Help Us Help Kids). Special Thank you to Cody's Alan Musikantow (owner) and Dean Turner (general manager), and their staff for their generosity, hard work and assistance. Finally, thank you for your donations which made this a huge success. We were able to present a check to Alan Hisen, Principal of Wildwood Middle High School, \$3500. Additional money and supplies arrived after the event and the new total is \$3,900. Hard work really does pay off, and as we always say - we leave the world a little better than we found it each day !!

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## July Food Drive Results

The designated food pantry for June was the Fruitland Park Food Pantry. Members contributed \$588 in food and \$60 in donations.

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## August Food Drive

The Food Drive for August is the Lake Panasoffkee Food Pantry operated by the United Methodist Church. They distribute food and personal items each Wednesday. The last time we gave a cash donation to them, they told us that they needed personal items like shampoo, soap, tooth paste, etc. for the people living in tents and their cars. It's a very low income area. These are the 10 best items to donate to a Food Pantry:

- Canned fish and lean meats.
- Peanut butter / other nut butters and packaged nuts
- Healthy soups and stews.
- Whole grain breakfast cereals. Look for ones that are whole grain, high fiber and low sugar cereals.
- Canned or dried beans. These are another great source of protein and fiber.
- Pasta sauce and canned tomatoes.
- Shelf-stable milk. Powdered milk (dry), boxed milk, or even canned evaporated skim milk

- Baby food. Be it dehydrated, jarred or baby food in pouches.
- Whole grains. Quinoa, bulgur, barley, wild or brown rice, and other nutrient-rich "intact"
- Canned vegetables.

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## 9/11 Blood Drive

This year the 9/11 blood drive will be back at Fire Station #44 (Morse Blvd and Moyer Loop). It will be held on both the 10th and the 11th from 8 am until last drop. If you want to donate you can sign up at the Phlockings email Skip at "skip0358@gmail.com". If you want to volunteer (and we hope you do), email Franny Durr at "frandurr2@yahoo.com."

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## September Shoe Drive

If you've got a bunch of old shoes that need a new home, you can bring them to any Phlocking in September and donate them to the Shepherd's Lighthouse. This is a Club charity that helps homeless women and children. Bob Williams is the Chairperson of this event.

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## September Cody's Fundraiser

On September 21st the Club will hold a Fundraiser at Cody's Brownwood restaurant to benefit Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox provides hands-on support for our troops deployed overseas and returning home. **It is the mission of Operation Shoebox to meet the needs of every hero.** We

are raising money to pay the postage on gifts that will be sent during the Christmas holidays.





## New Club Members

Tom Daughtry	Jane Lawless
Frank Wueger	John Lawless
Jeanne Boivin	Robert Lehnert
Becky Burnett	Blake Mahan
Bill Burnett	Maryam Mahan
Terri Clemons	Janice Ricci
Dave Field	Stuart Spair
Nancy Field	Joyce Veneruso
Lesla Fitch	Mike VonPlinsky
Key Gormley	Karen Woodrow
Sean Gormley	Kevin Woodrow

## 2021 Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is an excellent time to do so. The dues are \$20 per person. We are almost back to normal and the pun has started 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 may 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.

## Ren & Gypsy's Drink of the Month

### Missing Cherry

- 2 Parts Cherry Rum
- 1 Part Orange Juice
- 1 Part Pineapple Juice
- 1 Part Sprite
- Splash of Grenadine and a
- Large Splash of Cherry Juice.
- Garnish with 2 Cherries.



## Meet Other Parrot Heads

There are other activities you can participate in. At the Palmer Phlockings, at the back of the seating area there will be a gathering of people which is called the "Get Acquainted Gathering". New members are welcome and it's a good chance to meet people.

## Top Ten Signs You're A Parrot Head

(Survey results from TropRock Magazine survey)

1. Escaping To a beach or islands is your life-time goal
2. You've got a laid back attitude
3. You quote Buffett lyrics in your conversations
4. You love troprock music
5. Flip Flops are more than shoes. They're your way of life.
6. Your favorite parties happen in a parking lot
7. You know the lost verse of "Margaritaville."
8. You party with a purpose raising money for charity
9. Your favorite Buffett tune will never be "a song you know by heart."
10. Your favorite Island is Key West.

## The Lost Verse from "Margaritaville":

Old men in tank tops cruising the gift shops  
 Checking out the chiquitas down by the shore  
 They dream about weight loss,  
 wish they could be their own boss  
 Those three day vacations become such a bore



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Inside the Club:

As we all know, phlockings are back!!! So that means volunteers are needed.

**Attendance:** 3 volunteers are needed for each Phlocking. The time are 2:15-5:30 for Palmer and Belle Glade and from 1:15 to 4:30 for Havana. We will be at Havana at 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. Please send an email to Jim Dieleman at [hawkeye0089@aol.com](mailto: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 points system. go to the Club's web site, click on "Volunteers" and then the link to the explanation of the points system.

### In our Community:

**The Villages Regional Hospital**  
Opportunities in various departments, some which interact with patients and some which do not. Typical shift is 4 hours weekly: 8-12, 12-4, or 4-8. Application forms are available at the front desk or the Day Captain's Office near the front entrance. For info Contact: Gloria Counselman Volunteer Placement Office The Villages Regional Hospital 1451 El Camino Real | The Villages, FL 32159 Office: (352) 751-8176 Email: [tvrvpo@centflhealth.org](mailto:tvrvpo@centflhealth.org) Web: [www.TheVillagesRegionalHospital.org](http://www.TheVillagesRegionalHospital.org)



**Big Brothers and Big Sisters** This charity is seeking people willing to mentor a child from 5 to 13 years old



who has requested help. In Wildwood there are children waiting for someone. There is always a shortage of male mentors. For additional information contact: Karen Kam-pel at (727) 480-8381 Email:

[KarenK@bbbstampabay.org](mailto:KarenK@bbbstampabay.org)

**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](http://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](mailto:barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com)

## 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.



## 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 who is the Chairperson of the Club's Sunshine Committee. Patti's email is: [patamus1747@gmail.com](mailto:patamus1747@gmail.com)





## Trudy LaBonte Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile for this month features a longtime club member, Trudy LaBonte. When Trudy first moved to The Villages she lived in the village of Mallory for about three years. She has since lived in the village of Poinciana for twelve years.

When Trudy lived in Mallory she went down to the country club and saw that everyone was enjoying themselves and having a wonderful time so she joined The Parrot Heads that day! At the next Phlocking she even brought a friend along with her.

Trudy is a member of the Delta Gamma Alumni group which is made up of national sorority sisters. The group of about forty women meets monthly to play mahjong, and bridge. She is also a member of two book clubs and plays (at) golf.

Trudy was born in upstate New York in Umatilla, attended school in Syracuse and moved to Glastonbury, Connecticut when she was twenty-one. She was two weeks pregnant with her daughter when they adopted their son, so she had “Irish Twins!” When they retired they had a place in Cape Cod on Martha’s Vineyard for ten years. And now she’s a full time resident of The Villages.

Before retiring Trudy taught school for 35 years, teaching kindergarten through Junior High English.

As a volunteer, Trudy has probably served on every committee there is since around 2010. She has also served on the board for the community gift giving for a year.

When asked what her favorite thing about the Parrot Heads is, Trudy said definitely the friendships. She said she tries to meet someone new at each meeting and she would advise new members to do the same. She also said, as many of our interviewees have, that volunteering is a great way to get involved in the club and meets lots of interesting people from all walks of life.



*Do you know you can pick your own table using our ON LINE TICKETING PROCESS*

**2021 MEMBERSHIP**

DEC.....580 members

JAN.....695 members

FEB.....758 members

MAR.....814 members

APR.....863 members

MAY.....941 members

JUNE...1027 members

**JULY.....1058 members**

***Here's some interesting numbers, did you know:***

OUR FIRST ON LINE TICKET WAS SOLD ON 9/27/2020

We have only been selling on line for 10 MONTHS!

SINCE THEN WE HAVE SOLD A TOTAL OF **3720** tickets and memberships.

ONLY 101 of those have NOT been sold on line.

In fact, **49** of them were sold to NEW MEMBERS at PHLockings.

EVERY TICKET **THAT'S RIGHT, EVERY SINGLE TICKET**, for every event has been sold ON LINE and every event has been SOLD OUT!!!!

BUYING ON LINE lets you buy early for best selection AND for best chance of not getting sold out.

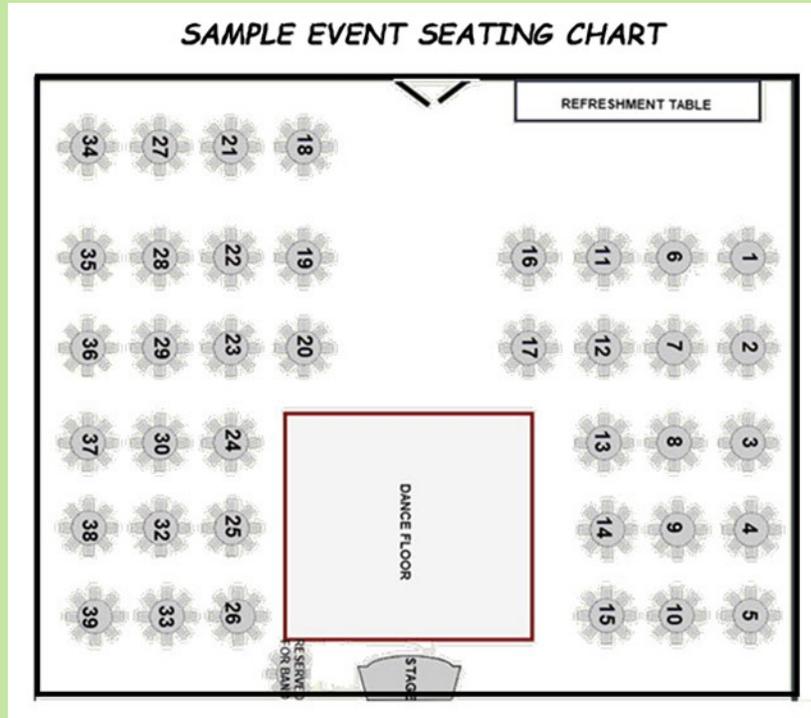
***And coming soon, you will be able to buy events with RESERVED TABLES on line!***

**SELECT YOUR TABLE:** That's right, for events like New Year's Eve or Holiday Parties you will be able to select your table using the ON LINE TICKETING PROCESS. View the Seating Chart and select which table you want to reserve,

Here's an example of an ON LINE Seating Chart. EVERY event will have an exact copy of the room layout so you can sit near the food, the entertainment, your friends and even the exit.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me directly at [mgoldberg1135@gmail.com](mailto:mgoldberg1135@gmail.com).

MARK- The Webmaster



**SELECT WHO YOU SIT WITH:** You can reserve up to a complete table so you are sure to be sitting with your friends. AND, if you want to meet NEW people, you can buy less than a complete table and join others. YES, you still get to view the Seating Chart and select the exact table you want.

**NO NEED TO WAIT IN LONG LINES:** Why wait in line waiting for everyone ahead of you to talk to their friends, see what tables are still available and then buy your tickets. All the while, they could be taking the best available tables. GO ON LINE, view ALL available tables, select exactly what you want AND NEVER WAIT IN LINE AT A PHLOCKING.

More information will be sent when we are closer to opening sales for these events. We hope you agree that getting your tickets and selecting your tables this way is easier, quicker and gives you a better opportunity to get the seats you want.

As always, for any questions or problems, contact me.

MARK GOLDBERG  
WEBMASTER



# Parrot Head Cruise

## Parrot Head Cruise

Over 70 people from our Club have already signed up for this Cruise with the Highway 1 Band.

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



**NVHS**  
 RESCUING VETERANS  
 LOST IN AMERICA



- 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



CRUISE PLANNERS JENNY WILSON  
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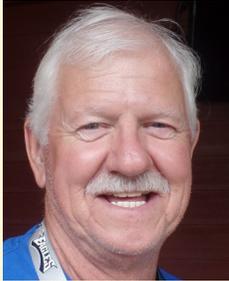
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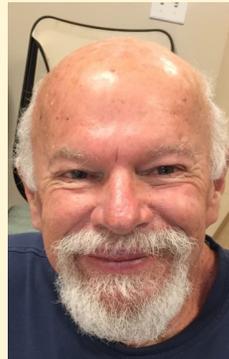
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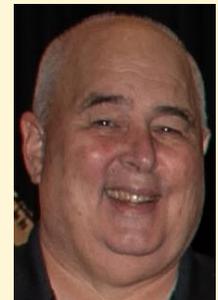
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# THE VILLAGES PARROTHEAD CLUB (TVPHC)

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

1/1/2021 THROUGH 6/30/2021

At Mid Year, 2021, as I complete my second full year as President of The Villages Parrot Heads Club, I am happy to report that over 1050 members either renewed their membership or joined our club and contributed more than \$69,924 in cash, blood donations, and/or in-kind donations. Equally important is that our members also stepped up and donated more than 4170 volunteer hours to support our club's charitable and environmental activities. Unfortunately, and due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to hold some of our more charitable events such as our annual golf cart poker run and the Rotary Club Chili cook-off. I am happy to report that as we "get back to normal" we have these events on our radar for the future.

The following is a brief synopsis of some (but not all) of the Village Parrot Heads Club's charitable activities:

In January, we started a, once a month, driveway party which averaged approximately 200 people each, while listening to great entertainment. We did this outdoors, while social distancing and staying safe. We started to have a 50/50 and a food drive collection at each one. Due to the generosity of our members and their friends, we were able to raise \$625 through 50/50 for our charities and \$3,419 in cash and food donations for our local food banks.

Our phlockings started up again in mid-May, and we are now enjoying three phlockings a month at local restaurants. We have 50/50 and food drive donations at these phlockings, as well as some great entertainment. I am excited to say that we average over 200 members each phlocking and have raised over \$1466 for our charities through 50/50, and \$834 in cash and food donations for our local food banks.

Our club held three(3) blood drives so far this year with 2 more scheduled. I am ecstatic to tell you that we have donated 1156 pints of blood or 144.5 gallons, which can help save the lives of over 3468 people. Our club is now the second largest blood donation site in the state of Florida, only to Daytona International speedway on race weekends. It would be tough to break that, but I am so proud of our members for this accomplishment.

Now that we are gathering again, In the second half of 2021, we are starting our fundraisers for specific charities such as Wildwood Middle School, Operation Shoebox and others. We also have some other ideas "in the works". Our numbers may be down a bit from previous years, due to the pandemic, but our members enthusiasm is still very high. We look forward to our future with optimism.

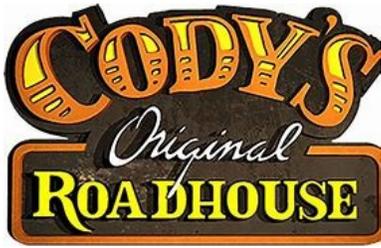
As you can see, the Villages Parrot Heads Club is a very active club and reaches out to support a broad cross section of our community, and we keep almost all of our charity donations right here in Central Florida. That pleases and humbles me greatly as President of such an outstanding organization.

In conclusion, The Villages Parrot Head Club recognizes that our members have been blessed to be able to do so much to help others who are less fortunate than we are and I continue to be gratified and humbled, by what our wonderful members do in the name of the Villages Parrot Heads Club. We look forward to a bright future as we once again, go back to "Partying with a Purpose" while staying safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark "the Shark" Woodland

President, The Villages Parrot Heads Club



Cline Professional  
Executive Suites



