

2022 Villages Parrot Head's Club Annual Report

Once again, it is my honor to submit The Villages Parrothead's 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 of 1421 members in 2022, and our membership is very generous and active as you will see. In this annual report, I would like to highlight just some of our activities.

2022 saw a rise in corporate support for our functions and fundraising activities. This resulted in donations by these corporate sponsors to help with our fundraising activities as well as the use of their facilities. With the help of these corporate sponsors we were able to hold 4 major fundraisers at a local restaurant. We were able to raise and donate \$2,250 to Patriot Dogs for Veterans, \$5,607 to Wildwood Middle School, \$2,500 to Operation Shoebox, and \$1,500 to the Marion County/Ocala SPCA.

Over the course of the year, we hold three (3) Phlockings each month. One of which is designated as our Food Pantry Donation Phlocking. At our Halloween party we also ask for donations of cash and/or gift cards to help the hungry. I am happy to announce that we were able to donate \$7,411 in cash, gift cards, and in-kind donations to help the local food banks feed the hungry.

In February, we participated in the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off and raised \$2,200 for their charities. We won the People's Choice award for the 9th year in a row. This is awarded to the club that gets the most donations for their charities. We are very proud of this accomplishment and are gearing up to make it an even 10 awards in 2023.

In March, after a three-year absence due to the pandemic, we were able to hold our Golf Cart Poker Run. My outlandish goal was to reach \$20,000. I am happy to say that we not only reached that goal but surpassed it by raising over \$24,000 for local charities. Because of this we were able to donate \$3,000 to Shepherd's lighthouse, \$250 to the Sons of American Legion Post #347 for their Golf Tournament, \$6,104 to Combat Veterans to careers, \$2,000 to Center Hill Children's Mission, \$1,000 to It Takes A Village, \$1,000 to Refuge At Jumper Creek, \$3,000 to Project SOS, \$3,000 to Help Agency/SOZO Kids, \$3,000 to Veterans Helping Veterans, and \$2,000 to St Theresa's Soup Kitchen and \$900 to Special Olympics as well as many other charities.

Our club is extremely proud of our blood drives. This year we held 5 blood drives at Firehouse #44. I am excited to tell you that we collected 1,812 pints of blood or 226.5 gallons. As one (1) pint of blood can help save the lives of up to three (3) people, we helped save 5,436 lives this year. Our club is, once again, the second largest blood donation site in the state of Florida, second only to Daytona speedway on race weekends. It would be tough to break that overall record, but we did break one of their weekends.

In October, we were able to hold our first Golf Tournament in a few years. This year, we changed our charity to the Alzheimer's Association / The Longest Day, for Alzheimer's research. With the help of our sponsors, our members, and everyone who played and/or volunteered, we were able to donate \$30,000 to this worthy cause. A TEAM DRINK goes out to everyone who participated or helped in this endeavor. Hopefully, someday there will be a cure to this disease.

Also in October, our members were scheduled to go on a Trop Rock retreat to Daytona Beach Shores entitled "2022 Luau at the Aku Tiki". Unfortunately, Hurricane Ian stopped these plans. Everyone had paid to help pay the entertainers. Our members decided that instead of getting refunds, they would rather we donate their hard-earned dollars to help those less fortunate than us. We also decided that all our 50/50 money raised in October would be matched by our charity fund. Because of this, we were able to donate \$7,500 to the Lone Palm Foundation to help other Parrotheads whose lives were so interrupted by this horrible storm.

In December, a few of our veteran members held our 3rd annual Toys-4-Tots Candy Cane Golf Cart drive-by to help the Marine Corp Toys-4-Tots program. Our members and friends donated \$4,250 worth of toys and cash donations for the kids.

The thing I am most impressed with about this club is the dedication of our members who step up to volunteer their precious time as they always strive to leave the world a little better than we found it each day. We definitely live by our motto: "Party with a Purpose".

In closing, I would, once again like to praise our members who helped raise \$162,992 in cash and in-kind donations and worked 22,512 volunteer hours. In Florida, the value of one volunteer hour is \$23.07, with the value of these hours being \$519,351.84. **In total, our club was responsible for over \$682,343.84 in charity work and Volunteer hours which is unbelievable.**

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,

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