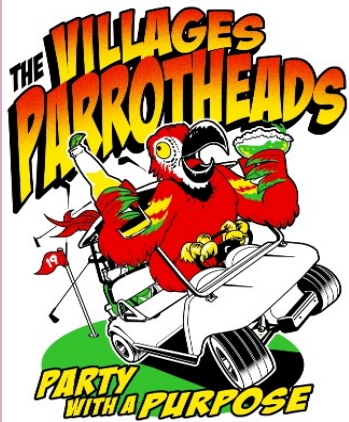




# Parrot Talk

## March 2019 Edition



## President's Corner

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WOW, I guess that's the best way to start when we look at the month of February. We start off with a very successful blood drive, thanks Skip Todd and all the volunteers. Then we defend our People's Choice award at the Chili Cook off, thanks again to Dale Ross and all the volunteer's that made that happen. Then off to the Valentine day dance, with a awesome meal, music and a fun night, thanks Linda Fuller and Frannie Durr and again, all the volunteers. Then, what can I say about the 15th birthday/anniversary party? It was a totally amazing night put together by our wonder women, Ann Blanchard and all the volunteers who made this a memory that will be talked about for years to come. The one things that comes up in all these statements is thanks to all the volunteers, because none of this happens without them. A TEAM DRINK TO ALL OF YOU!!! So into March and here we go, with The Tampa Bay Downs trip and the then the big one, The Poker Run on March 23rd. So bring your donations to Palmer CC on March 6th, or bring a basket, and let's make 2019 the best year ever, and do what we do best, PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!!!



## March Phlockings

**Wed. March 6th** at Palmer. Joel Heckman

**Mon. March 11th** at Mallory. Miller and Mark

**Wed. March 20th** at Mallory. Retro Express

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## Poker Run

March 23rd is the date for the [Annual Poker Run](#). This event is open to friends, neighbors, family members and anyone else you'd like to invite. This is our big fundraising event of the year and provides the donations we give to local charities that feed hungry children and provide help to the homeless, families and veterans in need. The basket raffle is the biggest money maker of this event. Last year we raffled off over 100 baskets. Contact Barb Beil at [bbeil48@hotmail.com](mailto:bbeil48@hotmail.com) if you have a basket or something to go into a basket to donate. Music will be provided by Hollywood and the Tropix. Laurel Manor's Parking lot opens at 1 PM.

Chairperson, Renie Larson (352) 398 2076

Asst. Chair: Larry Ridgley (352) 259 7450



## Club Elections

In June the club will fill 5 vacancies on the EXCOMM. They are President, Treasurer, Membership Trustee, Public Relations Trustee and Media Trustee. Contact Paul Kinder at [paulfkinder722@aol.com](mailto:paulfkinder722@aol.com) if you have any questions or would like to run for any of the open positions.

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## Phlocking Tip

We love our Snow Bird members and are happy to see them back in the Villages. There are a finite number of chairs available at our Phlockings and we strongly suggest that you should bring your own chairs in case there aren't any left when you arrive.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

You can show your Irish on March 17th by participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Spanish Springs. The Parade is from 3:15 to 4 pm and both carts and walkers are needed. We would also like as many Parrot Heads as possible viewing the event to cheer as we pass. For information please contact Sally Bottke at 989-751-4625 or email at [sallyronbottke@aol.com](mailto:sallyronbottke@aol.com).

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## Himalayan Putting Contest

On Monday, April 15th at 2:30 pm there will be a 2 person, 18 hole putting contest at the practice holes at Palmer Country Club. The cost is \$5 per person and the prizes will depend on how many people sign up. All the money collected will go to the prize winners. 1st through 10th place will be in the money. You can sign up at the March Phlockings. No refunds. Bring your putter, balls, chairs and refreshments.

Chairperson: Carol O'Neal (352) 751 0035

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## Villages Fire Rescue Meeting

The Villages Fire Rescue is committed to providing the best possible services to us. They are holding a resident meeting from 9 am to 1 pm on March 8th at 3035 South Morris Blvd to hear our expectations and concerns. The Villages Fire Rescue has been our partner and fully supported the Club's Blood Drives and we would like to see at least 15 Club members participate. If you are interested in attending, contact Skip Todd at [skip0358@gmail.com](mailto:skip0358@gmail.com).

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## Future Events

- Poker Run, March 23, 2019
- Victory Casino, April 10, 2019
- Homosassa Bash in May 10, 11 & 12, 2019
- Blood Drive on May 2nd, 2019
- Summer Golf Scrambles begin on May 19, 2019
- Pool Party on August 25, 2019
- Halloween Party on Oct. 26, 2019
- Night Golf on November 12, 2019
- Christmas Party, December 6, 2019
- New Years Eve Party on New Years Eve
- Valentine's Day Dance, February 12, 2020



# Out Of Town Events

## Tampa Bay Downs

Sorry **THIS EVENT IS**  
**SOLD OUT**

## Victory Casino Cruise

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## Homosassa Bash

On May 10, 11 and 12, the Club will take over the Homosassa River Resort for an Offshore Frenzy weekend of music, games and fun. You must have a wrist band to participate which costs \$20 for the weekend activities and food which will be on sale at the 1st Mallory Phlocking In March. Music on Saturday are Just Mike, Bing Futch and Mike & Terrie. Sunday features Dangerous Dave, Danny B and Take 2. Also a Hemingway look alike contest and a Mother's Day Brunch are on Sunday. The Riverside Resort and MacRae's are sold out. You can still participate by taking a day trip to the resort or on Sunday when we will fill a bus of Parrot Heads for the day which costs \$25. It's a BYOB and you should bring chairs and a swim suit. As Ann Blanchard says, "It's gonna be a hoot!"

Chairperson Ann Blanchard (352) 750 6287

Asst. Chair Glenn Kinder (352) 259 3832

Asst. Chair Lori Hollister (661) 8037531

## Member Advocate

Our Member Advocate is available to any member who has an issue with the Board, the Club or another member. Ren Titus is the Advocate (352) 751 1282, [rtitus@thevillages.net](mailto:rtitus@thevillages.net). His job is to find a resolution while insuring member confidentiality at all cost.

## Meeting of the Minds, 2019

Registration for MOTM is now open. The dates are Oct. 30 to Nov. 2nd in beautiful Key West. It's not too early to get your reservations at Casa Marina because it's always sold out. **If you register for MOTM by April 1st, you will go into a drawing for a FREE 4 night stay in a two bedroom ocean view room at Casa Marina!** Get all the information you need to attend this great event at <https://www.phip.com/meeting>.

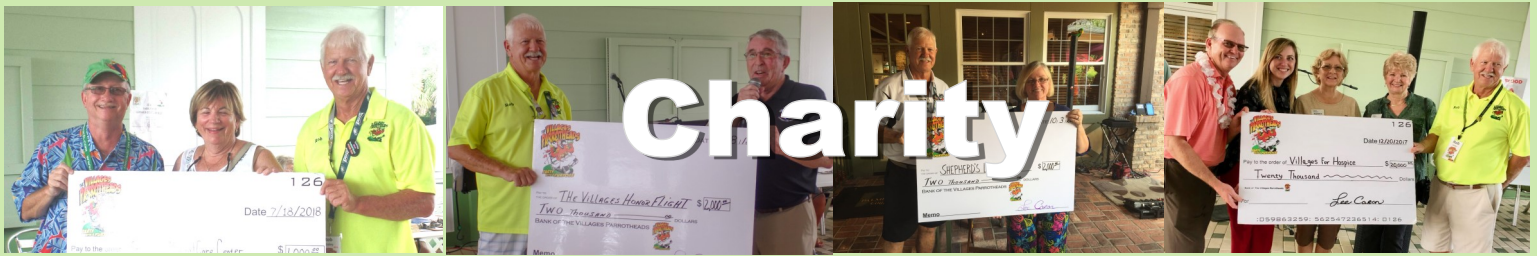
If you have any questions, you can email Sue Kermis at [skermis1@yahoo.com](mailto:skermis1@yahoo.com)

## Travel Committee Update

The Travel Committee has been busy working on new and exciting trips for this year. We hope to get a Sunday pub crawl in Tavares in May or early June. This has been a popular trip and if Reggae is a favorite of yours, there's a great band there every Sunday. We are also looking into Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show which includes the show, dinner, beer or wine and transportation sometime this summer.

Out of the bubble there are birthday celebrations with other clubs that are always fun and creative. A lot of our members have already registered for them. Panama City Beach has a Party on the beach in April with music all weekend! If interested go to their web-site [panamacitybeachparrotheadclub.com](http://panamacitybeachparrotheadclub.com) and click on the rendezvous tab. A1A beaches club has their party in June in St. Augustine and they also have music all weekend! Web site [A1Abeaches.com](http://A1Abeaches.com) for information. Sarasota Parrot Heads have their party in September at the Magnuson Hotel in Sarasota with music all weekend there also. Web site [Sarasotaparrotheads.com](http://Sarasotaparrotheads.com) for information. Page 6 of this newsletter has the links and more information.

The Travel Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at Perkins on 441 at 6 o'clock for dinner and 7 for meeting we welcome new members! Information contact Judy Koch [parteeper11@aol.com](mailto:parteeper11@aol.com) or 352-350-4293 mobile or 352-350-6567



## Poker Run Basket Challenge

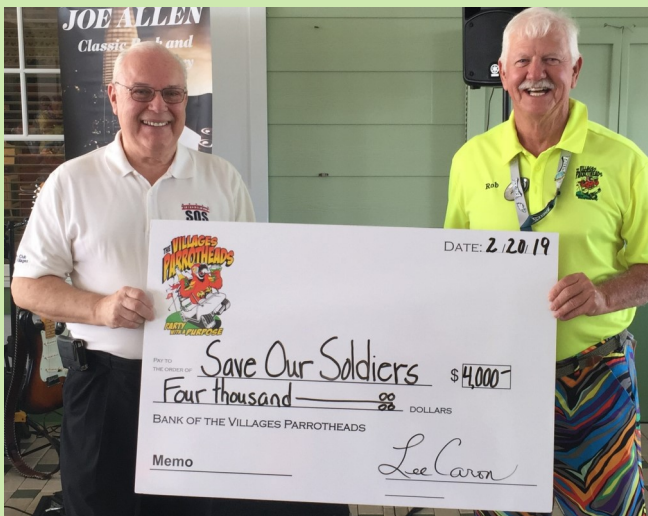
The Village of Gilchrist West has contributed 9 complete baskets to our Poker Run. Participants were Nancy Byrnes, Ann Carmichael, Pat Halbe, Carolyn Goldberg, Debbie Sly, and Bonnie Walls. They challenge other Villages to show their pride



for our community by collecting donations among their neighbors to support our charity efforts. Contact Barb Beil at [bbeil48@hotmail.com](mailto:bbeil48@hotmail.com) if you have a basket or something to go into a basket to donate.

## Donation to Project SOS

The \$4,000 raised from Casino Night was donated to Project SOS. The Club can make this donation because Paraday Financial covers the cost of this Casino Night so we can direct the revenues to the charity of our choice. Pictured below is the big check being given to Gary Kadow, Director of Project SOS. Gary happily accepted the donation because he is now able to provide a 4 year scholarship to the daughter of a Veteran living in poverty (State of Florida has a program which matches the funding). Education is the best way to break the cycle of poverty. Gary had to turn her down because Project SOS didn't have the funds to make her dream come true. Now they do.



## April Clothing Drive

It's time to clean out our closets and give our slightly used clothing to local charities. You can bring bags of clothes to any Phlocking in April. Please don't mix women and men's clothes in the same bag. We don't sort them.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### The Villages Regional Hospital

There are many 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. Some departments are staffed 7 days a week. Application forms are available at the front desk or the Day Captain's Office near the front entrance.

For information Contact:

Gloria Counselman

Volunteer Placement Office

The Villages Regional Hospital

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Office: (352) 751-8176

Email: [tvrvhpo@centflhealth.org](mailto:tvrvhpo@centflhealth.org)

Web: [www.TheVillagesRegionalHospital.org](http://www.TheVillagesRegionalHospital.org)

### Deliver the Difference

Assembly line meal packing for those in need.

For Information Contact:

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Email: [connor\\_mo@msn.com](mailto:connor_mo@msn.com), or

Irene Lawrenson: (352) 561 4831 / (352) 391 0047

Email: [ilawrenson2016@gmail.com](mailto:ilawrenson2016@gmail.com)

### Poker Run

Volunteers are needed on 3/23 to sell tickets for the Poker Run basket raffle. There will be 5 stops: Havana, Seabreeze, Mallory, Palmer and Laurel Manor (final stop). Two shifts of two people are needed at each stop. Shifts start at 11:30 and 1:30 for two hours each. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions. You will receive one point for volunteering. Also let me know if you have a preferred location.

Jaci Burdash (312) 209 9090

[jl2500@gmail.com](mailto:jl2500@gmail.com)





# Membership

## Membership Renewal

The online renewal window is open and going well. We have had several already renew on line and I thank you so much for taking advantage of the opportunity. Even though we will now be open to renewals at every Phlockings, **I would still encourage you to use the on line process.** It is much easier for me and you, and you will avoid the long lines at the phlockings. Then simply stop by the Membership table to pick up your new sticker. if you choose to renew at the Phlockings, I thank you in advance for your patience. We will process you as quickly as we can. Members can renew in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Online. Go to <https://villagesparrotheads.com> and click on the "Membership Renewal" button and follow the directions. You can get your 2019 sticker at the next Phlocking you attend or....
2. Mail in with a \$20 check made out to the Village Parrot Heads, PO Box 52, Oxford FL 34484 or....
3. Renew at any Phlocking at the membership table

## New Members In February

Anne Allison, Carole Bebout, Ellen Bjorkstrom, Jim & Vicki Bruce, Greg & JoAnn Cannon, Alan & Trish Coleman, Cliff & Karen Cote, Fran DeCruz, Eldy & Linda Dennis, Frank Domenicucci, Tim & Anne Marie Dow, Linda Filippi, Jim & Vicki Gillen, Chris & Dan Goeres, Julie Hynes, Jeff Iverson, Annie & Clark Jensen, Ivy Jones, Deborah Kerns, Melanie Kieran, Katie Lawson, Steve Madison, Holly & Matt McCarthy, Jim McPipkin, Steve & Sue Nicklaus, Mike & Patty Ostuni, Bob & Patty Pauly, Jim & Sue Rainey, Brad & Carol Smith, Fred & Penny Soldi, Cathy Spanks, Ashera Stanton, Mike Stemen, Nancy Taber, Bonnie & Jack Taylor, Angelo & Charao Valera, Dave & Deb Webber, Janice Weightman, Arlie & Chauncey Williams, Mike Wolchik

*"Searching is half the fun: life is much more manageable when thought of as a scavenger hunt as opposed to a surprise party." Jimmy Buffett*

## Clique Corner

**The Cliques are not Club functions.** They are gatherings of Club members with common interests.

**The Chic Clique** Come join fellow Parrot Head Females for "ladies night out". 3rd Tuesday of the month. Email Gypsy Ginchereau at "gypsygewells@gmail.com" to be added to the list.

**Get Acquainted Clique** For new members and unattached members interested in making new friends and getting together to jointly attend Parrot Head parties, events or trips. Meets the first Phlocking each month at 3 PM at Palmer CC. way around in back, prior to the Parrot Head Phlocking. Show up or send an email to Jaci Burdash <jlb2500@gmail.com>.

**The Sumter Landing Bin Bunch** Almost every night from 5 to 6 Happy Hour near the bar shacks across from Starbucks there will be a group of Parrot Heads sitting in a circle socializing.

**3 for the Road Fans** Who enjoy the music of this band and want to find out their schedule should contact Len Stein <lmsteinof@hotmail.23rd. So, come out and support these events, and I'll see you there!!!!

**TropRock Ukulele Society** Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Canal Street Recreation Center. Contact Stephen Larson for information (352) 255 9582





# Other Stuff

## Phlockiers Magazine

Great digital magazine filled with information about Parrot Heads, TropRock music and what's going at the clubs. A very good read.

[phlockersmagazine.com/](http://phlockersmagazine.com/)



## Radio Margaritaville

Listen to TropRock while you surf the internet on [Radio Margaritaville](http://RadioMargaritaville.com)



## Tiki Man Radio

You can fire up your tiki hut with Tiki Man Radio at

[www.tikimanradio.com](http://www.tikimanradio.com)



## A1A Beach Bash

On June 13 to 16 the A1A Club will host the 23rd Annual Beach Bash at St. Augustine Beach at the Guy Harvey Resort. Bands are Jimmy Parrish & Sunny Jim, Jerry Diaz and Hanna's Reef, Drop Dead Dangerous Band, The Detentions, Danny Rosado & Boomer Blake, Barefoot Reggie Starrett, Tim Campbell and Joe Downing. Go to [A1Aparrotheads.org](http://A1Aparrotheads.org) for more information.



## Panama City Parrot Head Rendezvous

On Apr 25-28, 2019, The Panama City Parrot Heads will hold their annual beach party. 4 days of music from is year's band line up includes Drop Dead Dangerous, Donny Brewer and Dock Rockers, JD Edge, Greg Dillard, Tropicool, BeatleBeat, Gene Mitchell, Danny Rosado, Rick Lamb, The Bamboozlers, Jimmy and The Parrots, Bill Cockrell, Jim Asbell and The Tropiholics, The Shanty Hounds, Thom Shepard and Coley McCabe. Information at the Club's [web site](http://web.site).



## Sarasota Bay's Birthday Bash

SBPHC is holding their 23rd annual Birthday Party at Magnuson Marina Resort from May 31st to June 2nd. Bands will be Jimmy and the Parrots, Highway 1, The Cabana Dogs, Rudy Cox and Rich (Scooner) McGuire. For information , Go to [SBPHC.org](http://SBPHC.org)





# Member Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Jaci Burdash. Jaci moved here from Chicago in 2015 to the Village of Ashland. Since she lived in the Orlando area in the late 70's, she knew that when she retired it would definitely be to central Florida. She had good friends who lived in the area and they made several trips to The Villages in the 80's and 90's, so she knew where she wanted to live.

Even though Jaci went to numerous Jimmy Buffet concerts in Chicago, she knew nothing about the Parrot Head Club. She was introduced to it soon after moving here by friends she met at another club. And the rest is history!

When Jaci is not involved in Parrot Head activities, she's volunteering for Friends of the Library, traveling and/or spending time with good friends that she's made thru the club.

Jaci is originally from a small town in central Illinois but moved to Chicago in 1968. She was employed as a law firm administrator for over 40 years. She retired at the end of 2012 after having spent 28 years at her last firm.

Her first volunteer activity for The Parrot Head Club was, (as with many other people), taking attendance. In 2016 the Ex Comm decided they wanted a clique where newcomers could meet and Jaci was asked to head it up. She loves her work for the clique! It's been a great success in getting new members involved in the club and connecting with other members.

She has also chaired the New Year's Eve party for two years and will be doing it again this year. Jaci has also been involved with the Golf Cart Poker Run, the Hospice Golf Outing, the Chili Cook-off, and in any other way that she can help. Parrot Head members like Jaci, who give so much of their time, effort, and heart to the club are what make it what it is today.

Two of Jaci's favorite things about the Parrot Head club are that they "party with a purpose," and the opportunity to make good friends.

Her advice to new members is to definitely volunteer – whether it's taking attendance, helping out at any social function, or getting on a committee. It's a great way to meet other members, help out, and have lots of fun. Jaci is certainly a prime example of her philosophy. Whenever you see her at a Parrot Head function she is having fun and helping other members to do the same!

Interview by Alma Scheer





# Club's Executive Committee



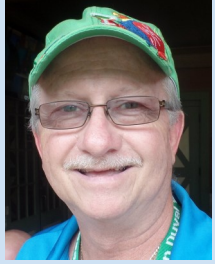
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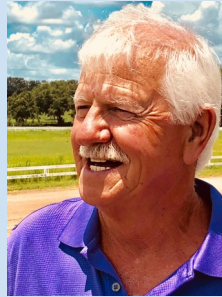
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## **Secretary**

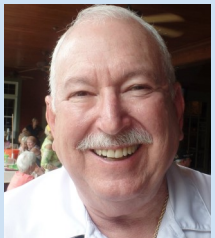
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## **Media Trustee**

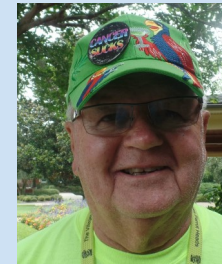
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