

Parrot Talk

October 2020 Edition

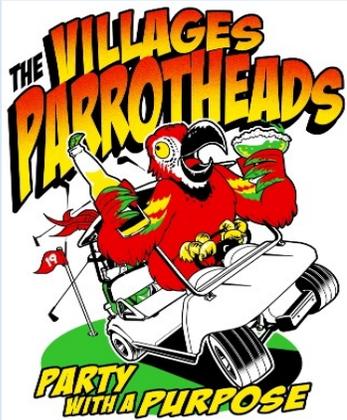


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President's Corner

Well, September really flew by and here we are in October, and a busy month September was. We started with a drive-by Driveway party with donations of gift cards for Project SOS. Your donations along with a donation from our club totaling \$2000, will help buy perishable items for the families in the Ocala forest.

Thanks to Sue & Lee Caron for the use of their driveway, and to our friends, Diane and Mitch of Retro Express for providing the music which we all have been missing.

Our Blind Basket Raffle was a huge success and lots of fun. Thanks to Barb Beil for the use of her home, and to Jaci Burdash & Terri Ainsley for all their hard work. And thanks to Kenny Koch for helping me transport all those baskets. And thanks to you, we have raised over \$5,000, above costs, for our charities. A Team Drink to all.

But we are not done. We still have the extra large items to raffle off. Who wouldn't want a Mexican party or a Margaritaville bicycle? Thanks SOSB for that wonderful donation. You can also take a chance on a free driveway concert by Hollywood & the Tropix, or a \$200 cash money tree. And there are more. Keep reading on in this newsletter for more information.

As expected the Halloween party is cancelled as we could only have 100 people attend, and that just wouldn't work. We will let you know about the Christmas party, but, unfortunately, that does not look good either at this time.

I have been getting a few phone calls and emails about starting phlockings again, especially now that the governor has opened up everything. We are looking into it, and as soon as we know what we are allowed to do, we will start planning. However, it is not going to happen overnight. Please be patient. We will get there – but I expect things to be a little different.

Don't forget – Club Membership renewals start on October 1st, online only. More info and directions are in this newsletter so read on Parrot Heads. Lots of important info ahead.

Until then, Keep your PHINS UP  !! C U all soon !!!

Website: villagesparrotheads.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/TheVillagesParrotHeadClub/



Siesta Key



As you are aware, the Club had to cancel the trip to Siesta Key because of the unknowns associated with the Pandemic. That doesn't mean that nobody went. Ken McCreary provided the following description: Approximately 60 Village Parrot Heads descended on Siesta Keys for 4 days the weather was beautiful, the sand was snow white and soft. The ocean waters were warm and clear with schools of fish around all day. The town of Siesta Key was quaint, and the night life was hopping. All the restaurant and bars were open for business along with the many shops. Some of the ladies went

shopping while the men went golfing one day at Lakewood National . With several different groups of PHs, everyone did their own thing, there were no large gatherings. Hollywood and Jill preformed an impromptu concert on the beach at sunset.



Woo Hoo!!! The SWFL PHC is hosting their 25th Anniversary Party on October 25th at the Dolphin Key Resort's Paradise Tiki Bar and Grill in Cape Coral, FL. Check out this live music lineup from Noon to 8pm. Plus, fun prizes and raffles will be held to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Why not make it easy on yourself and grab your discounted hotel room too? Check it all out on the SWFL PHC website: <https://swflphc.com/>



www.swflphc.com

SWFL Parrot Head Club 25th Anniversary Party



**OCTOBER 25, 2020
12 PM - 8 PM**

At the Dolphin Key Resort's very own **Paradise Tiki Bar and Grill, 1502 Miramar St. Cape Coral, FL 33904**
www.dolphinkeyresort.com/tiki-hut-bar-grill



All Funds Raised Today Will Be Donated to the Alzheimer's Association!



Live music, raffles, and prizes throughout the day!



Steve Bowles, Scotty Bryan, Cabana Dogs, Tim Campbell, Joe Downing, Terri Hood, Jumping Fences, Lei'd Back, Don Middlebrook, Mike Miller and Friends, Jack Mosley, Carl Page, Paul Roush, and will be providing the phintasticmusic!

Special Room Rates Available At The Dolphin Resort For Attendees, and the Pool Will Be Open To Everyone To Enjoy!
Call 239-945-0060 for Special Room Rates.

Events and Musician line-up subject to change and/or cancel.



Membership

You Can Renew 2021 Membership Now

With the Covid-19 situation, we are still on hold for all “regular” club functions, but we are trying to come up with some ideas to get together to “Party with a Purpose” but still social distance. We have had a driveway party, a Daytona beach Birthday Bash, some entertainment at Country clubs, etc. And you have come forward with generosity to help feed hungry kids, and play our blind basket raffle for charity. We are still looking at some new ideas, and when we find out what we are allowed to do, we will let everyone know. We don’t see phlockings returning for a while, and when they do, they may be a little different, but we will cross that bridge when we get there. I will do my best to keep everyone informed via email, facebook, our website, etc. Please -CHECK YOUR SPAM FILES. We do hope to be back sometime in 2021 even bigger and better.

With that being said, **the Executive Board encourages ALL members to renew their club dues starting October 1, 2020. These dues will be good through December 31 st , 2021, and we are keeping renewal cost the same at \$20 each.** The dues not only cover entertainment costs (whenever the club is able to resume monthly functions), but all costs associated with the club operating expenses such as storage bins, postage, office supplies, mailchimp, and much more.

All renewals must be done online through our website and online payment system. We have a new online system, and we will not be accepting checks or cash. Please note – we are asking for your Village-ID number now. If you do not live in the villages, please use your first name and street address number as your

village-id. (Example shark1035). We will need to be a bit more restrictive on who can attend phlockings and functions due to the pandemic, so it is imperative that you renew your membership as soon as you can. Let’s aim to keep us the largest Parrot Head Club in the world. Please renew as soon as you can to keep us going. There are easy to follow instructions on how to renew at the web site.

Keep your Phins Up Parrot Heads  !!

2020 Parrot Head Elections

My Fellow Parrot Heads:

For the last several months as we all have been dealing with the disruptions caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, I know that we have all greatly missed seeing each other at our Phlockings and making adjustments in how we handle our normal everyday life.

However as the man says: “Time marches on!” . As per the Bylaws; Starting October 1st , The Villages Parrot Head Club will begin it’s 2020 election cycle with an open call for Nominations for the following four positions.

President

Treasurer

Community Relations

Membership

Any active member in good standing can self nominate their desire to seek election for one of these offices, via submission of an email.

Email Nominations to KFULLERFLA@gmail.com

Note as per bylaws: Two(2) members from same household CANNOT hold two separate excomm position simultaneously.

Nominations will be closed on October 31st. Further details of the actual voting process will follow at a later date.

Thank you

Kevin Fuller

Election Chair

9/11 Blood Drive

The partnership between the Parrot Heads and OneBlood continues to provide live saving blood. 180 people participated in the 9/11 Blood Drive at the New Covent United Methodist Church. The event was covered by the Daily Sun and one of the staff people was quoted “It’s an honor to be able to partner with them (Parrot Heads) for this bood drive where we remember those who have served and who are currently serving”



Charity

Veterans Helping Veterans By Steve Larson

Veterans Helping Veterans is one of our Parrot Head Charity. They are the largest non-governmental social service agency in central Florida assisting veterans. They are dedicated to assisting veterans and their families who are in need. They provide food, financial assistance, advocacy and information to help veterans improve their lives and maintain their independence. They provided some type of assistance to 4,000 veterans in 2019. The pandemic has made fulfilling their mission more difficult. Normally the Veterans Helping Veterans generates operating funds through grants, individual donations and fundraisers. The donations have dropped and 5 out of the 6 scheduled fundraisers have been cancelled. At the same time veterans, many of whom work in the service sector, have lost their jobs and many will be facing evictions in October.

In addition to the food and financial assistance they provide, Veterans Helping Veterans also act as an advocate for veterans with the VA to help them receive benefits and with their landlords to help them stay in their homes and apartments. When I spoke to the founder Hank Whitter and I asked him how they were doing, Hank's response was "well, we're doing as well as we can". Hank is an optimistic person. It a difficult time for all charities because the demand is up and their resources are down. When I asked him how the Parrot Head Club could help him, he said, "you have always been generous to us and I've always enjoyed going to your fundraisers" and then he added "food and money". The Veterans Helping Veterans web site is <https://vhvusa.org/>. At the web site is a testimonials page

where you can read how they have helped individual veterans.



Cody's Roadhouse by Steve Larson



Cody's is one of the Club's most valuable corporate sponsors. They have the space to accommodate us and they participate in our fundraisers by providing a buffet (at no cost to the club) that we can sell tickets for. At \$ 5 each, it's a great deal and typically raises close to \$1,000 of our donation to the featured charity. In the past we've held fundraisers for Veterans Helping Veterans, Project SOS, the ASPCA, Honor Flight, the Wildwood Middle High School and many others. While we don't have any Cody's fundraisers scheduled for this year, we are looking forward to 2021 and holding more events at Cody's Roadhouse.

Driveway Party for Project SOS



Lee and Sue Caron opened up their driveway for a party to benefit Project SOS on September 9th. Retro Express provided the music and Parrot Heads donated Publix and Walmart gift cards so that Project SOS can buy fresh produce and protein to the people living in the Ocala National Forest. \$2,000 was raised at the event.



Parrothead Poker Run Baskets Donations

Lake Sumter Landing: Two Mermaids -- Flying Biscuit -- For Feets Sake -- Johnny Rockets -- Bear Dance Boutique -- Tees & Greens -- City Fire -- Caribongo -- Red Sauce -- Purple Pig -- Sherwin Williams -- Changes -- Ambrosia on the Square -- Cal's Barber shop -- Joseph Banks -- Advanced Dermatology -- Starbucks -- Gators -- Barnes and Noble -- Designer floors by Nickel Tile -- Petsense -- Lazy Mac's --

Buffalo Ridge: Red Lobster -- Bonefish Grill --Tires Choice -- Nails and Beyond -- NYPD Pizza -- Hiers Baxley Funeral Home --Tropical Café Smoothie -- Metro Diner

Wildwood: Beauty First Hair -- Chi Chi's nail and spa -- Jersey Mike's -- Remax Freedom -- Oakwood Express --Wildwood Kitchen and Bath -- Sammy's Italian restaurant Pepper Tree Plaza Wildwood

Villages Crossroads: ABC Liquors -- Batteries and Bulbs -- Coral Casual -- Fancy Nails -- Rug World --Shoe Biz -- Simply Salt Health Spa --Brooklyn Bagel -- Starbucks (Kohl's Plaza)

Rolling Acres Plaza: T J Maxx -- Jersey Mikes -- Salon Jaylee -- Bamboo Bistro -- Moe's --Petco

Spanish Springs: Ruby Tuesdays -- Demshars -- Chico's -- Soft Surroundings -- World of Beer -- Brylah Fashions -- Tire Choice -- Kilwins --2K Nail and Spa -- Gators Dockside -- Flippers -- Margaritaville Republic -- Amerikanos -- Patchingtons -- Corkscrew

Spanish Plaines: Whole Earth Pet Supply -- First Watch -- Subway

La Plaza Grande: Village car Wash -- KFC -- Hungry Howie's -- Chick Salad Chick -- Belk's -- Just Dandy Pet Parlour

Pinellas Plaza: Hair Cuttery -- Darrells Diner -- Lunar Nail -- Beltone -- China Star -- Square One Burgers -- Hindsight -- Subway -- TD Ameritrade -- Renew Hair salon

Grand Traverse Plaza: Eye Site -- Quantum Vitality Centers, -- Flippers Pizzeria

Mulberry: JQ Hair and Nails -- Beef O'Brady's

Brownwood: Rustic Rose -- World of Beer -- Nail Saloon -- Cal's Beauty and Barber shop -- Village Cycles -- McAlisters -- Brownwood Jewelers --FMK (Blue Fin, Chop House, etc) --Cody's --Van Huesen/Izod --Woof Gang Bakery -- Gators Dockside -- Kylie's Closet -- City Fire -- Ricciardi's -- Golf Centra --Evelyn & Arthur -- Rustic Rose -- Spice & Tea Exchange --MVP

Lake Deaton Plaza: Nails & Beyond II --Paisanos

Colony: Hand & Stone Spa -- Imagine Beauty -- Peepers -- Tire Choice -- T&D Patio and Poo -- Vitamin World --Village Golf Carts -- Walmart-- All Booked Up --Colony Plaza Animal hospital -- Expedia Cruise ship centers -- Bob Evans

Other: Judy's Custom Window Treatments -- Hollywood and the Tropix -- Space Coast PH Club -- Parady Financial -- Body Waxing by Lena (Bellevue) - -Bealls on 441 --Bealls on Wedgewood Ln -- --Legends Pizza HWY 441 Fruitland Park -- Carrie Designs (Virginia trace) -- Palmer Country Club --VIP (on 44 south of Brownwood) --Texas Roadhouse -- Millers Alehouse on 441 -- Diversion Unique Boutique in Leesburg -- Villages Administration -- Papa John's (Kohls plaza) -- Village Dental-Southern Trace -- National Cremation Society (Heald Way) --Landshark Bar & Grill -- Daytona Beach

To all of the businesses and individuals who provided the contents of our baskets, we thank you! The money we raised will be donated to local charities who feed the hungry and help the homeless.

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

Big Item Basket Raffle – This one is not Blind

I want to thank everyone for their generosity in the Blind Basket raffle where we gave away basket valued between \$50-\$150. Well, now it's time to give away the BIG ones.

There are 9 items. They range from a Margaritaville bicycle, 2 Mexican party packages, a home concert with Hollywood & the Tropix, a \$200 cash money tree, a Landshark cooler with lots of goodies and more.

Starting on October 3rd, you can go to our website, and buy chances online. You can take a chance on one item or many items, or more than 1 chance for particular items that you like. Each chance is \$5.

You will have two weeks to purchase tickets and you do not have to be a club member to participate, so tell your friends. Ticket sales will end on Thursday October 15th, at midnight. Friday is an administrative day and the drawing for each item will be Saturday, October 17th. If you win, you will be notified via email and you can pick up your winner on Sunday October 18th, at either Barb's house or Mark's house depending on what you win.

All proceeds from this and the Blind Basket Raffle (which is completed) will go into our charity fund. Remember, we did not have Phlockings this year so think of how much money you saved not buying 50/50 ticket, etc. Our funds are not the same as usual due to the pandemic, but we are trying. So let's continue to help those less fortunate than us as we always aim to leave the world a little better than we found it.

THE BIG BASKET DRAWING			
<p>1</p>  <p>Captain Morgan Rum Platinum Vodka Fireball Whiskey Crown Royal 3 Bottles of Wine \$50 in Lottery Tickets</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Money Tree Worth \$200</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Margaritaville Bahamas Frozen Concoction Maker</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Margaritaville Bicycle</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>HOLLYWOOD AND THE TROPIX HOUSE CONCERT (concert must be in The Villages at a home, rec center, etc. and not a Commercial Establishment.</p>	<p>750 ml Margaritaville Silver Tequila 750 Margaritaville Gold Tequila Margaritaville Margarita Mix 4 Flamingo Plates 4 Flamingo Glasses 4 Hollywood and the Tropix Coasters</p> <p>WOW!!! Look at this cool stuff!!!</p> 		
<p>5</p> <p>Handmade Multi-Media Mosaic by Vicki Pohlman</p> 	<p>6</p>  <p>Landshark Cooler Landshark Surfboard Sign Landshark in Daytona \$25 GC Landshark Beer Landshark Beach Towel & Float Stuffed Parrot</p>		
<p>7</p>  <p>1.75 l Jose Cuervo Margarita 1.75 l Jose Cuervo Blue Agave Silver Tequila 750 ml Margaritaville Silver Tequila 750 ml Jose Cuervo Blue Agave Gold Tequila 1 l Margarita Mango Margaritaville Mix 4 cans 6.8 oz Jose Cuervo Sparkling Paloma 4 pack Twisted Miami Vice Shots Poncho Vno Wine Holder Statue Many assorted Mexican Party STUFF</p>	<p>750 ml Margaritaville Tequila Gold 750 ml Maestro Dob el Humito Silver Tequila 250 mk Crema De Agave 4 pack Twisted Pinnacle Upside Down Cake Shots Pinada filled with assorted booze samplers Margaritaville Blanket</p>		
<p>9</p>  <p>1.75 l Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita 750 ml, Margaritaville Silver Tequila 750 ml Hornitos Plata Tequila 1 bucket Margarita Mixer 4 Pack Fireball Shots 4 Pack Twisted Washington Apple Shot Margaritaville Wall Sign Many assorted Mexican Party STUFF</p>	<p>1.75 l 1800 Ulyimate Margarita 750 ml Tequila Chamacos Anejo 750 ml Margarita Gold Tequila 1 l Margaritaville Margarita Mix 4 cans 6.8 oz Jose Cuervo Margarita 4 pack Twisted Island Thunder Shots One Pinada filled with assorted booze samplers Poncho Vno salt and pepper shaker Statue</p>		



Member Profile

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Dave Walls. Dave and his wonderful wife Bonnie moved to The Village of Gilchrist in 2013 and they were one of the first 5 homes to be occupied at that time. As more residents moved in Bonnie gathered contact information and organized a neighborhood social group that is very active.

Dave grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. After he graduated from High School he joined the United States Navy Submarine Force and has been away from Delaware ever since. He served for 30 years starting out as an electronic technician working on radar, periscopes, and receivers. He became a Leading Petty Officer, then Chief of the Boat, the senior enlisted officer on the submarine working directly for the Captain. After that he was the Squadron Master Chief several times during his 30 years of service.

Ordering draperies for their new home was what lead the Walls to the Parrot Head Club. It turned out that they contracted with Judy and Ken Koch to do the work. Bonnie mentioned to Judy that she loved Key West and wanted to get a Tiki bar for the back porch. When Judy heard that she said, "Tiki bar! You've got to become Parrot Heads! What are you doing Wednesday?" So they attended their first Phlocking and the rest is history!

Besides being an active member of the Parrot Heads Dave enjoys golfing, and is a member of the Delaware Club. Their neighborhood also does a lot of activities that Bonnie organizes such as monthly dinners, trips, ice cream socials, sunset viewing get-togethers, and an annual Friends-Giving potluck dinner around Thanksgiving.

Our club has been fortunate to have Dave as an active volunteer. He assists Jaci Burdash to set up all the tables and signage for the Phlockings, and he brings tables he stores at home to the Phlockings, and other events. He's helped with the pool parties, poker runs, is a member of the Travel Committee, and the Security Team. He cooks hot dogs for the blood drives, has co-chaired several bus trips, and was co-chair of the 2020 golf tournament that unfortunately was cancelled due to COVID. Since Dave has a van he is often helping to move things around for our many events. Thankfully, he enjoys helping out and working with our members to make our events PHUN!

Dave loves the people and the camaraderie he finds in the club and meeting people from all walks of life. He says a great club is made up of great people. The other thing he really appreciates is all the trips, activities, and parties he gets to enjoy as a member.

To really get the most out of the club Dave advises new members to volunteer. It's the best way to meet new people and make new friends. He also thinks going on a bus trip is a great way to get involved. You will make the acquaintance of 50 other people and they will get to meet you!

Club's Executive Committee



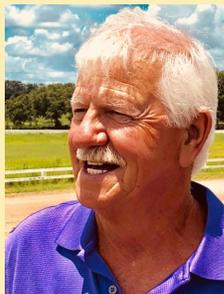
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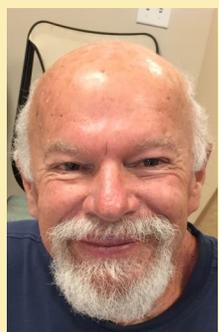
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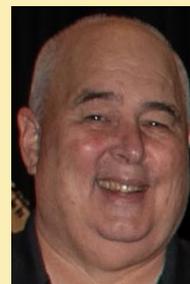
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