Parrot Talk

April 2019 Edition

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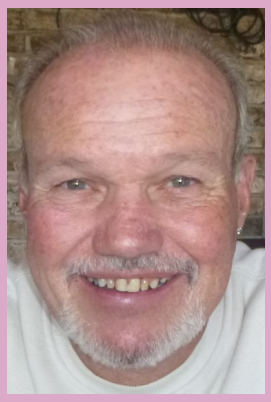

President's Corner

We survived the most successful Poker Run in the history of our Club! That day shows what we do best is to Party With a Purpose. The people in need benefit from what we do. You continue to amaze me with your generosity, not only your donations, but also your time and hard work. Without that we would never be able to have these events. Great job to Renie, Larry, Jan, Glennie, Lori, Gyspy, Bill, Vee, and all the other volunteers, and also to Hollywood and the Tropics who provided the music. Thank You. The week before that, we had the best showing ever at the St Patrick's Parade. It was the people who volunteered to participate that made this a fun time. Thanks to Sally Bottke and all her volunteers. Another fun time was the trip to Tampa Bay Downs, thanks Paul. Now it's on to April, which by our standards will be a little slow. But we have some events coming up that will be just as fun. The Victory Casino cruise on April 10th is SOLD OUT, and the Himalayan Putting contest will soon be sold out. April is also the month to put your name in for positions on the Club's Executive Committee. If you're interested or need any information, contact Paul Kinder, at paulfkinder722@aol.com. . Onto April!

April Phlockings

Wed. April 3 at Palmer. Just Mike and Gary

Mon. April 8 at Mallory. Don Middlebrook

Wed. April 17th at Mallory. Pat Murphy

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

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 if you have any questions or would like to run for any of the open positions.

Poker Run Was A Big Success

This years Poker Run was the biggest one we've ever held. The Poker Run was filled with people and lots of them purchased wild cards (new record). There were over 120 baskets (also a new record), Beat the Dealer games (new this year) and the Dunking Divas dunking chair (see the photo page). Hollywood and the Tropix kept the dance floor full and a good time was had by all. **The Club raised over $15,000** which will be used as donations to local charities who provide food for the hungry, help homeless families, give veterans the support they need, provide scholarships and assistance to local schools. Perhaps the finest example of our Club's motto: Party With A Purpose.

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.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

The Club made a big statement at the Saint Patrick's Day parade. We had over 100 people dressed in green who participated in this event. A Club thank you goes to Sally Bottke who was the Chairperson .

Summer Golf Scrambles

Our Summer Golf Scrambles begins on May 19th. You can sign up at any April Phlocking. The cost is $5 per person and all the money received will be distributed as prize money for each event. You can sign with a partner or as a single. Dates and courses are as follows: May 19th El Santiago, June 23rd Redfish run, July 21st Volusia, Aug 18th Palmetto, Sept 29th Bacall

Chairperson Lil Roe (317) 431 7030

Future Events

- 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
- 5 O'clock Somewhere on May 22nd
- 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

Victory Casino Cruise

Sorry THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT

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. 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, or just drive up for the day. 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 Glenny Kinder (352) 259 3832
Asst. Chair Lori Hollister (661) 8037531

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

Up Date: Our Club is co-sponsoring a morning party with the Space Coast and the Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Clubs at the Smoking Tuna in Old Town Key West on Saturday from 10 AM until 1 PM. We are the largest PH Club in the world and we will be promoting our size and enthusiasm at this year's convention.

Tavares Pub Crawl

On Sunday, May 26th, back by popular demand is another Tavares Pub Crawl. The cost is $25 per person for the bus trip to Tavares. At one end of the parking lot is Puddle Jumpers who will have Captain Josh from noon until 4, with food specials for us. At the Kalua Hale Beach Bar a Reggae Band will be playing from 2 until 6 PM, At the KOKO Bar Two For Us will be playing Jimmy Buffett music all afternoon with happy hour drink prices. The bus will leave from the Walmart on 466 at 10:30 and leave from Tavares at 6:30 to bring everyone safely back home. No refunds, No glass on the bus but Tervis Tumblers are okay.

Chair: Linda Gaertner (262) 309 9344
Asst. Chair: Nancipat Pcionek (716) 474 1395

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. His job is to find a resolution while insuring member confidentiality at all cost.

Tampa Bay Rays Vs. Boston Red Sox

On Saturday, April 20th a bus will leave from Walmart on 466 at 2:30 sharp (loading at 2 PM). Tickets are $60 per person which included Bus, Driver Tip and Admissionto Tropicana Field. It's Margaritaville Night! That means Margaritaville sunglasses and lei will be given out that night. No refunds and no glass on the bus but Tervis Tumblers are OK.

Chairperson Ellen Dill (352) 633 7334

RAYS VS BOSTON RED SOX

Fundraiser at Cody's Mulberry

On Tuesday, April 23rd the Club will hold a fundraiser at Cody's Mulberry location to benefit the Sumter SPCA. The Fundraiser will run from 4 until 6 PM but many of us arrive at 3. There will be Happy Hour drink prices, $5 wrist bands for the ample appetizers, a 50/50 and a door prize of $400 of Florida Lotto tickets. **Yes, you actually can win a million dollars at this fundraiser.**

Chair: Rob Ainsley (757) 773 2077

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Donation

The Club donated $1,000 to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay at the first Phlocking of March. This organization is responsible for developing mentor programs for children in Sumter County and is looking for volunteers willing to spend from 4 to 8 hours each month with a child. Their mission is to provide children facing adversity with professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships that will change their lives for the better, forever. Rob Ainsley presenting the Big Check to Nancy Larger and Donna Ledford.

Blood Drive on May 2nd

The Club's second blood drive of 2019 will be held on May 2nd at Fire Station #44 at Morse & Pinellas Blvd. Club members who donate or volunteer will receive a volunteer point, a custom designed T shirt, a pint for a pint coupon from Gators in Brownwood, coupons for Havana Country Club Restaurant, Johnny Rockets Restaurant, Legacy Restaurant and Cody's Road House. At the Blood Drive you will get hot dogs and snacks and a chance to spin the wheel for a One Blood Prize. You can sign up at any Phlocking. Chairperson is Skip Todd

April Clothing Drive

It's time to clean out our closets and give our slightly used clothing to local charities (Haven House for the women and Habitat for Humanity for the men). 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.

Chair persons: Bob and Donna Lazzara at 732-330-0952 or email at bdlazz670@gmail.com

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.
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Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS)
BBBS is seeking people willing to mentor a child from 5 to 13 years old who has requested help. In Wildwood there are more than a dozen children waiting for someone. There is always a shortage of male mentors.
An informational meeting is scheduled for April 10th from 9:30 to 11 am at the Library located at 325 Belvedere Blvd. in the Villages. For additional information contact:

Membership Renewal

The online renewal window will remain open through the year. But as of the **1st of April**, if you have not renewed, your membership will be in **arrears** and you will **not be able to purchase tickets** to club functions until you renew. **Not to worry**, just renew in one of the three ways listed and you will be back on the active list.
I would still encourage you to use the on line process. 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

Danny Roe, Membership Director

New Members In March

Dawn & Steve Allen, Robert & Teri Bailey, Roger Boatman, Jimmy & Terri Bowes, Denise & Gene Cosco, Harold & Sara Gray, Kathy Hawkins, Clare & Joe Herbst, Nevin Hoke, Carole Jacobson, Donna Janes, Marc & Mary Kelley, Bill Korell, Nancy Larger, Lori Mace, Carol & Gary Matthews, Ron Rellinger, Jon Rosenhagen, Dave & Trish Storey, Richard Strohman, Rosemary Vorndran, John & Paula Wall, Mary Zupancic

Buffett Trivia

The downside to Jimmy Buffett's musical lifestyle is the time he has to spend away from his family. He wrote Come Monday for his wife, who he was missing while on tour. When he sings the first line, "Headed out to San Francisco for the Labor Day weekend show," he's talking about a specific concert in 1973.

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 Phemales 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>.

Gathering of Friends Meets for a few drinks at various establishments. Want to join in? Contact Skip Todd at <skip0358@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

Phlockers 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/

Radio Margaritaville

Listen to TropRock while you surf the internet on Radio Margaritaville

Tiki Man Radio

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

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

Member Interview

Jean Howlett Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Jean Howlett. Jean and her husband Charlie moved to The Villages in June of 2005 and lived in the village of Virginia Trace. Three years ago they moved to their new home in La Belle North.

In 2008 some of their neighbors in Virginia Trace had joined the Parrot Head Club and told the Howletts what a fun club it was and that they do a lot of charity work. It sounded interesting to them so they came to a Phlocking and joined up! Jean is also a member of the Philadelphia Club, she participates in Honor Flight, the Genealogy Club, and is a member of an indoor table shuffleboard league that meets at Eisenhower Rec Center.

Jean was born and raised in Philadelphia but later moved to Bucks County, a suburb just north of Philadelphia. She and Charlie have two children and three grandchildren. Their daughter Stacy and granddaughter Madison moved to Florida in 2005, the same year Jean and Charlie moved down. Their son Scott and wife Jennifer and two grandkids, Kelsie and Chase, moved to Florida a year ago.

Before retiring to The Villages Jean worked in accounts receivables for various companies.

Jean has worked in our Phins Up shop at the Wednesday Mallory Phlockings for quite some time now. She has also been involved with the Golf Cart Poker Run on the basket making team, sold tickets for various club activities, she has co-chaired Himalayan Golf, and served on committees for our Christmas and Valentine parties, and the 10th Anniversary party.

Aside from these volunteer activities, Jean is our current Club Historian. She is responsible for maintaining the original scrapbooks and putting together additional scrapbooks containing certificates the club has been awarded, pictures and newspaper articles, and copies of our newsletter. It's an interesting project that she really enjoys and it shows how far the club has come since the beginning.

One of the things Jean enjoys most about the Parrot Head Club is the charity work that we do. It is so heart warming to see the positive impact that the club has had on so many lives and it is very fulfilling to feel a part of that effort. She says we can really see the results of our club's generosity when the checks are handed out to the recipients and they tell us just what will be done with the funds we have donated.

Jean would advise new members to start out small by volunteering to be part of a committee. You could volunteer as part of a decorating committee, or on the clean-up committee of any of the parties. You don't have to start right out heading up a committee. As you work with other members on any of our activities you'll get to know lots of people and have fun too!

Interview by Alma Scheer

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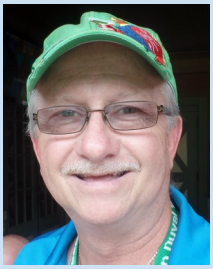

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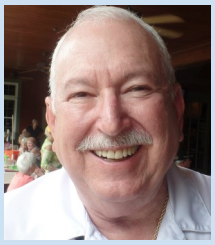

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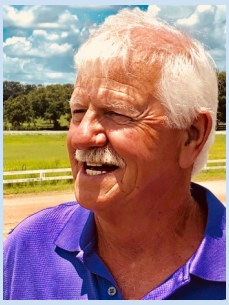

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