

Coco-Nut's Telegraph

April 2021 Edition

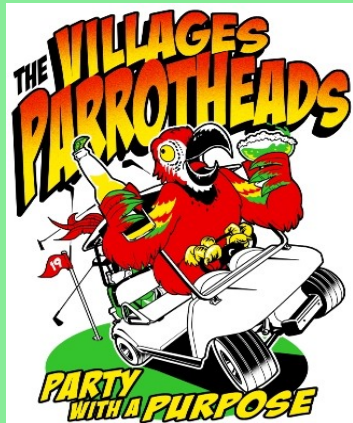


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Corporate Sponsors:

Cody's Roadhouse
Palmer Country Club
Mallory Hill Country Club
Fire Station #44
Laird Law, P.A.
Cline Executive Suites
Village Streetrod Golf Cars
Legacy Country Club
Havana Country Club

President's Corner



March was a good month for our Parrot Head Club with lots to do. Thanks so much to Sheryl and Marty Gowins for the use of their home for our St Patricks day Driveway party with Robert France. Wow – what a phun day that was. We continued the party with a Pop-up Parrot Head party at Brownwood square with the Caribbean Chillers. It was a cool evening, but we enjoyed it. The party continued at my driveway for our Phins up shop day where we listened to Jimmy Buffett live from Hawaii 2004 and everyone was able to purchase or order some of our merchandise. We are going to put an order in soon for more t-shirts so don't despair.

Thanks to you, our members, our 2nd blood drive was another huge success. You never cease to amaze me how you come out to help those in need. A Team drink to you all. Our next blood drive will be on Memorial day, Monday, May 31st. More info to come on this one.

April brings us another driveway party. This one will be on the north side of the Villages, at Larry Ridgely and Jan's home at 1806 Augustine Dr, in the Village of Santo Domingo, from 4pm-6pm. Our entertainment will be one of our phavorites – Yes – "Don Middlebrook" will be here, and you all know how much phun he is.

I will be trying to set some more stuff up in April, and stay tuned for a Special announcement at the April driveway party. You won't want to miss this !!

Until next time Parrot Heads - - Keep your Phins Up __/__ C U all soon !!!



The plan is to be back to normal within a few weeks. We are working out the details with the Country Clubs, and reserving recreation centers for our parties. You can go to our web site and click on the calendar for the dates. Our goal is to improve the member experience and live up to our Club's motto: Party With A Purpose!

Driveway Party

Larry Ridgley and Jan Stahlheber will be hosting our next Driveway Party on April 21st from 4 to 6 PM. The address is 1806 Augustine Drive. Don Middlebrook will provide the entertainment. Homosassa bracelets will be on sale.



Don Middlebrook

Don Middlebrook is a Florida Trop Rock, Americana, Country, Rock 'n Roll singer/songwriter from the frozen North. East Lansing, Michigan is ground zero. He travels from Michigan to Key West and from Seattle to the East

coast. Original Florida swamp rock, with authentic country sensibilities, give Don a heart of pure Trop Rock.

Don was honored to receive three TRMA awards in 2015. The first being "Songwriter of the Year", voted by a panel of his peers. Second, The Trop Rock Music Association awarded his album, *Songs from Talespin Bay* -- "Album of the Year"!! And last, but definitely not the least, Don was awarded the "I Can" award for charitable work with Trop Rock music.

Homosassa Springs Getaway

Come enjoy a fun-filled weekend in Homosassa Springs at the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort on May 1st and 2nd. The weekend will be filled with activities including great music, games, a funky monkey costume parade and a two day party with your Parrot Head friends. We will also host a "Pitch-In Dinner at the Monkey Wrench Café on Saturday from 4 to 6PM. The Club's shot stick will also make it's first 2021 appearance.



Entertainment of May 1st from Noon to 3 PM will be Danny B. From 6 to 9PM it will be Take 2. On Sunday from Noon to 3 PM will be Just Mike and Gary and from 6 to 9 PM Sunny Jim. Wristbands are \$20 (No Refunds) are required for all activities and the "Pitch-In" Dinner. If you come for the day only, you will still need to purchase a wristband.





Pool Party

The plan is to have a Pool Party at the Sea Breeze Regional Recreation Center on August 22nd. You will be able to purchase tickets on the web site (but not yet). It will be a fun party as it always is. The Details are being worked on now. As soon as we have the plans finalized we will let you know. For now, mark it on your calendar.



Daytona Beach Getaway 2021

You do not want to miss this years Daytona Beach Getaway. We are back to the Best Western Aku Tiki Inn (2225 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach).



You will be steps away from the ocean and here is the info:

Friday – October 1st, 2021

- ◆ 12noon-3pm Music by “Dudley, the Island Dream”
- ◆ 3pm-6pm – Free Time
- ◆ 6pm-9pm Music by “the Highway One Band”

Saturday – October 2nd, 2021

- ◆ 12 noon-3pm Music by “Sunny Jim”
- ◆ 3pm-6pm – Free Time

The hotel is now taking reservations. Room rates are approximately \$109 to \$139 a night depending on what type of room you want. Options are: 2 queen bed, 1 king bed, efficiency, and Ocean View, Pool side, & Parking lot side. There are 5 floors. (PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE – Be patient with the desk. They will be the only ones there, handling numerous phone calls at once, check outs and check ins, all at the same time).

NOTE: You must call the hotel direct at 386-252-9631 and tell them that you are with the Villages Parrot Head Group for these rates. These rates are also available for 3 days before, and 3 days after our weekend. We will be selling wrist bands this summer and we’re working on special deals. NOTE: - You MUST be a 2021 member of the Villages Parrot Heads Club to make a reservation at this time and to take advantage of this special rate. Go to our website and renew as soon as possible to join in on the Phun !!! We are going to release the hotel to other Parrot Head Clubs on April 1st.

Halloween Party

The always popular Club Halloween Party will be at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center on October 23rd.



Christmas Party

We are looking for a facility to hold the Christmas Party and a band to play. As soon as we finalize it, you can mark your calendar.

New Years Eve Party

We will be at the Savannah Center this year.



March 29th Blood Drive Results

The Results are in! A Team Drink and a Big Thank You to everyone!

405 Presented to Donate, **316** Units of Whole Blood, **6** Units Platelets, **1** Unit Plasma and **35** Units Double Red Cells. The next blood drive will be on May 31st.

Neighborhood Blood Drive

Kim Ross is hosting The Big Red Bus at her home on Thursday April 1st all day. Her address is 510 Amici Ave in the Village of Osceola Hills. If you weren't able to give at the

Club Blood Drive, this is your chance to donate. THEY NEED OUR BLOOD NOW MORE THAN EVER. Message Kim at 937 408-8488. If you would like an appointment. There's a chance that there might be a Bloody Mary waiting for you when you're done!



Club's Giving Program

For the new, and as a reminder to existing members, this is how the Club's Giving Program works. The Executive Committee has a Public Relations Trustee (Marsha Herring) who is responsible for developing a Giving Program each year. The Club has a Charity Committee to help with this effort. Each year (except 2020), there is a member survey which asks members what charities they would like the Club's donations made to. In the survey, the group of people who benefit from each charity's work is identified. Typically, hungry children and homeless veterans receive the most votes.

After the survey is completed, the Charity Committee vets each charity to make sure they are non-profits properly registered in the state of Florida. The Committee also reviews each charity's administrative costs and the geographic area where they provide assistance.

Charities that provide assistance locally are preferred.

The Giving Program includes direct cash donations which come from the Poker Run and the 50/50. We also hold fundraisers at Cody's Road House to benefit specific charities and finally, we have food and clothing drives that generate in kind contributions.

Once the Charity Committee puts an annual plan together, it is presented to the Executive Committee for approval and becomes the blue print for the Giving Program for the year.

The pandemic has made 2020 and 2021 more difficult but soon we will be back to normal and on track.

Cody's Fund Raiser

Mark your calendars. On Tuesday, July 20th the Club is going to throw it's first Cody's Fund Raiser of 2021. The Wildwood Middle High School will be the recipient of our donations and schools supplies. It will be held at Cody's in Brownwood. It's a sure sign that we are getting back to normal.

We are working with the schools to develop a list of needs for the next year which will be published in the Newsletter in May.



Christian Food Pantry Drive Results

The Driveway Concert in March was a success. Great music and a generous crowd donated \$542 in cash and \$1,368 in food for a total of \$1,910 for the Christian Food Pantry in Lady Lake. A big Parrot Head Thank you is in order.



New Club Members

Barry & Holly Baker

Mancy Barsic

Brian & Patricia Colella

Tony & Jan De Smet

John Hooseline

Sonia Ouellette

2021 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2021. The dues are \$20 per person. Soon we will be back to normal and the phun will start 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.

Please renew now!

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

Meet Jack Maiz, New Member Advocate



I moved here in 2004 from Carlsbad (San Diego) and became a Parrot Head in July of that year. I am originally from West Babylon, New York, and served as a US Marine from 1964-1968 including a tour in Vietnam 66-67. After the Marines I became a Police Officer with the MTA

Police in NYC. In 1976 we moved to California where I continued my law enforcement career with the City of Riverside California Police Department and the State of California Department of Justice as a Special Agent, Bureau of Narcotics and Criminal Investigations.

I began a second career in the financial services industry that lasted 30 years and managed two insurance agencies in San Diego and Honolulu Hawaii with 51 agents and 27 employees before retiring to the Villages. Resolving disputes comes natural with my law enforcement background and managing people. Understanding both sides of a story and listening are key elements to finding the proper resolution. My wife Chris and I have been married for 57 years, she is also a member of the club since 2004. We currently reside in the Rosedale Villas in the Village of Duval. I look forward to serving the club and to being a resource when called upon.

Jack J. Maiz,

You are probably a Parrot Head if you love the lifestyle Jimmy sings about, want to kick back whenever possible with good music, good friends, and good drinks and just let the world go by.



SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO FRESHEN THINGS UP

That's right, it's SPRING so it's a great time to freshen things up and we've begun giving a new, fresh look to the Website.

It's also the time when we are starting to see activities and things opening up. So why not join the OVER 810 people who have already joined The Villages Parrot Heads for 2021.

WE JUST KEEP GROWING

DEC- 530 members

JAN- 700 members

FEB- 770 members

MAR- 810 members

Check out the website. You will see a new header and refreshed pages. Here's a picture of our revised HOME PAGE.



There's a new page called "CHECK MY TKTS". Have you ever forgotten if you've bought a ticket for an event? Did you ever want to confirm who was sitting at your table? How about simply forgetting if you've already paid your membership.

Now, it's easy to check. Just go to the "CHECK MY TKTS" page and enter your email. You will see your membership status, address, phone, etc. as well as if you have your spouse/partner signed up on using the same email address. *Once we start having paid events or raffles*, you will be able to check your purchases as well. Imagine signing up for NEW YEAR'S eve and wanting to confirm who is at your TABLE. Just enter your email and table number. You will see everyone confirmed at the same table.

As always, we want to be sure the website is accurate and reflects your needs. If there is ever an error in your information or just something you want to suggest or comment on, please contact me. The Website is a great place for information and communication, and we hope you visit often.

Mark Goldberg



Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Dominick Diaz. Dominick and the lovely Corrine Mimikos reside in the Village of Duvall. They purchased their courtyard villa in 2007 and made it their home early in 2008. Corrine was interested in a water view and they got to look at the house as soon as it became available. It was love at first sight! They chose Duvall because of its central location and are still glad they did.

Being car enthusiasts, they are also members of three car clubs; The Vintage Car Club, The Corvette Club, and the Mustang Club. The Corvette qualifies as a vintage car. They are also members of the Spanish American Club.

Dominick was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. At the age of one year he contracted polio and spent the next year in an incubator. His grandmother cared for him during that time and he then joined his parents in the Bronx, New York. After 16 years they moved to Hauppauge, Long Island.

Before retiring Dominick worked for the New York Telephone company as a cable splicer in Manhattan where all the cables are underground requiring him to work in manholes.

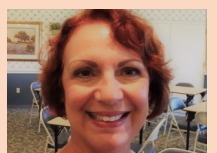
Dominick and Corrine had heard of the Parrot Heads and when their next door neighbor, who they socialized with frequently, suggested they might like the club, they went to a Phlocking and joined up.

Dominick was more active in his volunteer work for the club before he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, which is a cancer of the blood plasma. But don't worry, his Dr. told him he's not going to die from it. It does however leave him tired and he can't be on his feet for too long. He said he can take attendance at the Phlockings and I'm pretty sure most of you have seen him playing drums along with some of our entertainers at many of our club events. He plays the conga, bongos, djembe, and the easily transported cajon (the box).

The two things that Dominick loves about the Parrot Head Club are the friendships that you can form there and how much the members care about each other, and the other thing is the work they do for local charities.

He tells new members that it is a charity driven club but we do party a lot which is how we raise the amazing amounts we are able to contribute on a yearly basis. He says the best way to really get to know the members is to do some volunteer work

Interview by Alma Scheer



Club Brochure - Front

We now have a Club Brochure!

People hear about the our Parrot Head Club. They see us wearing our t shirts, they see us dancing at the phlockings, read about our charitable donations and they see us at our parties and want to know more. We decided to create a Club Brochure to let people know who and what we are. Now, when someone says "what's the Parrot Head Club all about?" you can tell them to go to the Club's web site and tell them to click on the "Club Brochure" icon. We will hand out the Brochure at Phlockings, Blood Drives and other events when requested. As we come out of the pandemic and return to normal, we expect people to start joining clubs in the Villages and want to be sure people know who we are.

Phlockings

Every month our club holds several meetings, called Phlockings, at country clubs throughout the Villages. (Parrots don't meet - they phlock together). There is usually live music and members can sign up for a variety of club activities.

There is a brief business meeting which includes announcements of upcoming club activities such as charity and club events. Members, or prospective members, may attend all phlockings or choose which to attend.

The dates and locations of these phlockings are published in the monthly newsletter, on our website and Facebook page; and emailed to members.

Pop-up Parrothead Parties

Occasionally, when one of our favorite singers or bands are playing, our President will call a Pop-up Parrothead party. These are fun social gatherings (no meeting) at different restaurants throughout the Villages area.

Fundraisers

The Villages Parrotheads are known for their philanthropy. Throughout the year, we hold fundraisers featuring entertainment, food and fun while always donating to specific charities.

Website

www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

Our website is the central "go to" location to find valuable information about everything happening with the Villages Parrotheads.

Check out our upcoming events and calendar, view our photo archives, check out issues of our fantastic Newsletter and get to know our board and who to contact for any question.

Membership, event tickets and more can be purchased directly through our, state of the art, on line purchasing system.

Facebook

The Villages Parrothead Group

is our facebook page which has posts about upcoming events, trop rock music, pictures from phlockings and events and much more.

If you are not a member, just go to our page and request to join.

Newsletter

Each month our club publishes a newsletter which is delivered by email and is on our website, included are lists and descriptions of upcoming events, and articles telling our members about goings on within our club and the Parrothead world. There is also a member profile provided each month about one of our club members.



The Villages Parrotheads Club was established in 2004. We are a social club that prides itself on volunteering, helping others in the community, and listening to some great music. We get together almost every week for some live entertainment, charity events, and the friendship of each other. We try to enjoy the tropical spirit lifestyle that Jimmy Buffett sings about as "We are the People Our Parents Warned Us About". Our motto is "Party with a Purpose" as we try to make the world a little better than we found it each day. As we live in a retirement community, we are "Growing Older But Not Up". We are - by far - the largest Parrot Head Club in the world, and proud of it. And wow - do we have phun. Please check out our website at

www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

or join our Facebook page
"The Villages Parrot Head Group".

There is lots more info in this flyer so read

Club Brochure - Back

What is a Parrot Head?

The identity of the Parrot Head has grown over the decades to symbolize a love of the lifestyle that Jimmy Buffett sings about and a desire to kick back whenever possible with good music, good friends, and good drinks and just let the world go by. Parrot Heads take an active role and involvement assisting in charity, environmental, and community service projects while we believe we should "Leave the World a Little Better Than We Found It".

Club Activities

Our club has many activities throughout the year including:

- Phlockings
- Driveway Parties
- Poker Run
- Basket raffle
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party
- New Year's Eve Party
- Spring Fling/Valentine's Day Party
- Pool Parties
- Daytona Beach Bash
- Homosassa Weekend
- Parades such as:
 - Christmas
 - St Patrick's day
 - Octoberfest/Italian
- Key West Meeting of the Minds
- Bus Trips
- Tampa Bay PHC Meeting on the Bay
- Sarasota Bay Birthday bash
- A1A Beach Bash
- And many more . . .

How Do I join?

Joining our Parrot Head Club is as easy as purchasing a ticket to a concert. Just go to our website at

www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

and click on the yellow "MEMBERSHIP" icon, then, in our ONLINE payment system, click on "New Membership" and follow the instructions. It's just as simple as using Ticketmaster or buying tickets to a Village event on-line. Each membership is considered a ticket in our online payment system. If you have any problem, just contact our help desk (the link is right on the home page of the website). New member dues are \$30 and renewals are \$20 each calendar year.

Once you have joined and paid your dues, you will receive a lanyard with your name on and an orientation at the next phlocking or driveway party.

We look forward to you joining !!

Some Charities We've Supported

- Project SOS
- Operation Shoebox
- SPCA
- Wildwood Middle/High School
- Patriot Dogs
- Haven House
- Shepherds Lighthouse
- Honor Flight
- Local Food Banks

A Parrothead Poem

They ask us wherever we go,
Why do you wear those crazy clothes?
To answer this I will be kind,
It's a Jimmy Buffet Music Frame of Mind.

It's sitting in a traffic Jam
And picturing a Beach,
A far off Island in the Sea,
That's just beyond your reach.

A flowered shirt, a crazy hat,
A cheeseburger in hand,
A beach chair at an awesome park
With a trop-rock music band.

By day we may be doctors and lawyers
And don a 3-piece suit,
By night the margaritas flow
And grass skirts sure look cute.

With Sailing sounds & steel drum beats,
The stress can melt away
And if you haven't tried it,
"Don't knock it" as they say.

We celebrate the Pirate life,
The hula girls and rum
A bunch of crazy drinking folk,
We've been called by many and some.

Dancing barefoot and squeezing limes,
It is a tropical citrus.
But hold the bashing and keep in mind,
We "Party With A Purpose".

So welcome to this calling,
And we hope that you'll be kind
Beyond the beaks, leis, and feathers,
You will certainly, no doubt find.

The greatest bunch of people,
That take charity to heart
That welcomes anyone,



Being A Parrot Head has benefits!

When you are a Parrot Head, you are part of all the Parrot Head Clubs in the world. Welcomed where ever you go. Florida is filled with Clubs that host events and we're all invited! Once the pandemic is ancient history, the parties will start again. In May the Sarasota Bay Club will have their Silver Anniversary 25th Birthday Bash. AIA Club will have it's Beach Bash and in October the Meeting of the Minds in Key West. When you add all the trips and parties our Club has to the parties other clubs have, you have a full calendar of great music, great parties and best of all, great memories.



HEY PARROT HEADS!

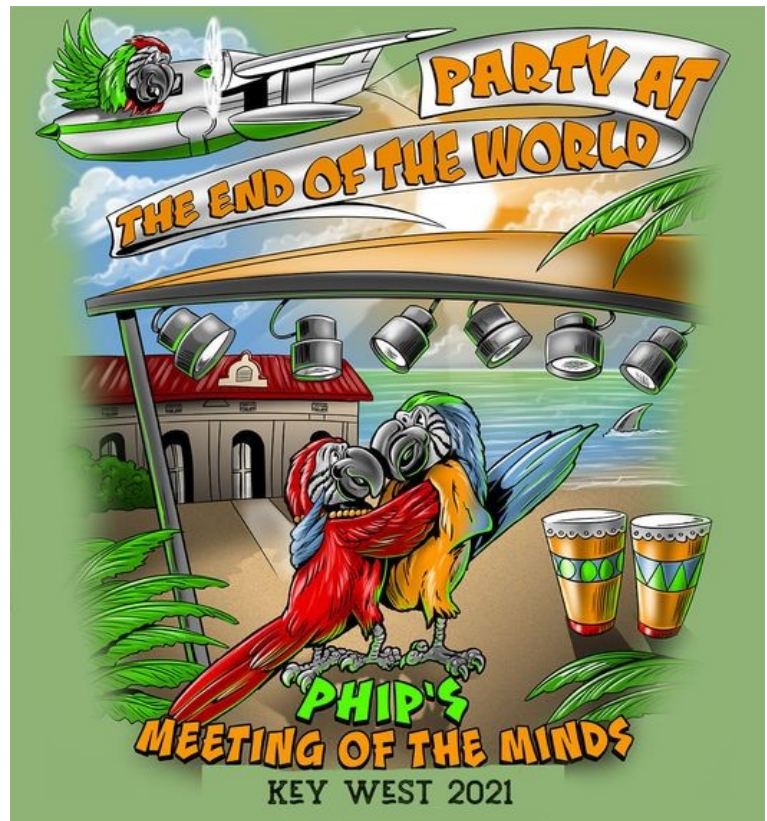
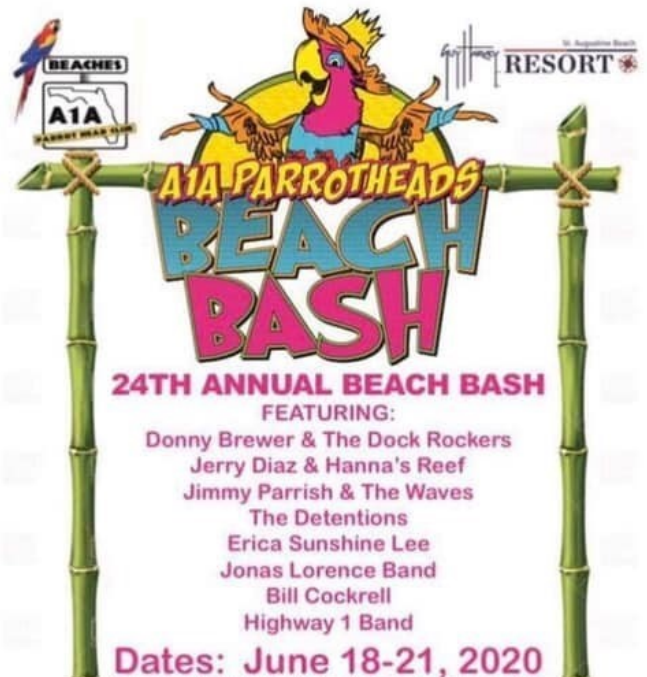
As you all know, we've been advised that the Magnuson Marina Cove Resort will not be able to take our group for the 25th birthday bash. Your Banana Wind Committee has been hard at work finding something worthy of our silver anniversary. Drum roll please...

The 25th birthday bash will take place at the [Hotel Venezia](#), in Venice Florida! This is the location of our 2015 and 2016 birthday parties, and they are really excited to have us back! Everything we've been planning is still happening.

We are still finalizing the room blocks, so please give them a day or so to get everything set up before bombarding them with reservations. But do get those reservations in!

More announcements to come soon regarding the birthday bash, and other events that we're hard at work on.

PHins Up!
Mary McClure
President



Meeting Of The Minds 2021

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - Sunday, November 7, 2021 in Key West, Florida For more info on PHIP and the Meeting of the Minds go to www.PHIP.com




Parrot Head Cruise

Parrot Heads from all over Florida will pack their bags and head for a cruise with the Highway 1 Band. Judy Koch, our Events Trustee, has advised that Club members are already signing up. 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



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 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

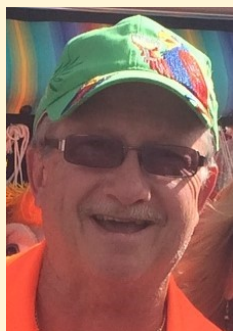
Cruise must be booked through Jenny Wilson



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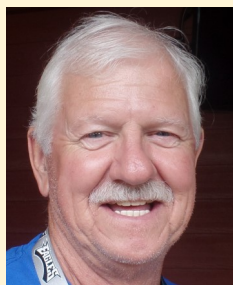


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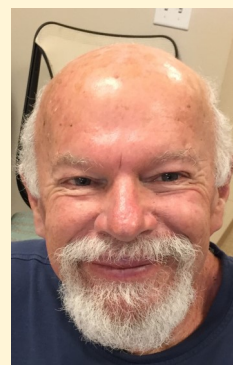
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