



PARROT TALK

The Villages Parrot Head Newsletter

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE PHLOCK!!

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The event you've all been waiting for is coming up on April 18th. This is the day we can all kick back and celebrate all our hard work over the past year.

If you have never attended a Birthday Bash before, this one is not to be missed.

The Party, at the Polo Club, will begin at 4pm with happy hour (BYOB), then dinner from Oakwood Smokehouse at 5pm. The fabulous T. Scott Walker Band will start at 6pm and continue to rock the house until 10pm.

Tickets are on sale now at the cost of \$17.50 per person. There are only a limited number of tickets remaining, and will be sold on a first come basis until gone at the PHlockings this month.

This event is limited to Parrot Head Club members only.

RELAY FOR LIFE



Our PHlock is sponsoring a team at The Villages Relay for Life on

on April 24th, so come join us for this fantastic event. Listen for the Buffett music, and you'll find the campsite where some of our PHlockmates will be walking all night long in support of our cancer survivors and The American Cancer Society. The carnival-like atmosphere becomes magical after sundown when the luminaries are lit, so stop by on your way home for the evening - the team would love to see you.

WAY TO GO PARROT HEADS!!!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated items to the Relay for Life Yard Sale, shirts to the fire relief effort in Australia, and donated baskets or their time to the success of the Poker Run.

Through your generosity the PHlock donated \$1200.25 to Relay for Life.

The Poker Run was a huge success. The earnings will be shared with the PHlock as soon as they are available.

Those PHlockmates who stepped up to the plate and volunteered are to be thanked. You folks did an outstanding job representing the Parrot Heads in the parades and charity events over the past month.

THE NEXT RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM MEETING IS ON APRIL 4TH AT LAKE MIONA REC CENTER AT 9AM.



5 O'CLOCK SOMETHING ON THE MOVE!!

Wear your walking shoes this month. The 5 O'clock Somewhere will be on April 21st all over Lake Sumter Landing beginning around 3pm. The participating restaurants are Red Sauce, RJ Gators, Up The Creek, The Waterfront, and Urban Flats. Each stop is offering Parrot Head specials, so be sure to wear your club shirt.

Get your gang together and plan your route. Try to mix it up as I don't think any place would want 100+ parrots wanting libations at the same time.

Specials & Hours of Operation:

Red Sauce: Happy Hour 2-6—pizza specials at the bar

RJ Gators: Happy Hour all day—Margarita special

Up The Creek: Happy Hour all day—20% off all appetizers at the bar

The Waterfront: Happy Hour 3-7—Margarita special

Urban Flats: Happy Hour 4-8—flat specials

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

April 18	Birthday Bash, Polo Club
April 21	5 O'clock Somewhere, Lake Sumter Landing
April 24	Relay for Life, The Villages High School
April 29	Environmental, Paradise Lake, The Villages
May 3	Polo Tailgate Party, Polo Field
May 11	Spring Golf Scramble, Deer Island CC, Mt. Dora
May 13	Margaritaville Bus Trip, Citywalk, Orlando
May 24	Golf Scramble, Roosevelt Executive
May 30	Tampa Bay Devil Rays Baseball Game, Tampa
June 12-14	Sarasota PH Birthday Bash, Venice, FL
July 4	Fireworks, Bus trip to Sanford
July 17-18	A!A Volleyball Beach Bash, St. Augustine
August 16	C & L Tour, Around The Villages
September 20	Pool Party, Lake Miona Rec Center
November 5-8	Meeting of the Minds, Key West, FL
December 11	Christmas Party, La Hacienda Rec Center
December 31	New Year's Eve Party, Bridgeport Rec Center

APRIL PHLOCKINGS

There will be 3 PFlockings in April all starting at 4pm as follows:

April 1st El Santiago

April 7th Tierra del Sol

April 16th Mallory Hill

The EXCOMM Meeting will be on Monday, April 20 at Tierra del Sol restaurant starting at 9am.

All members are invited to attend this meeting. If you would like to make a presentation at this meeting, please contact Jan Brooks.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH ALL OF THESE EVENTS. CALL SUE AT 759-9970. REMEMBER, A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME GOES A LONG WAY FOR THE PHLOCK.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME POLO?



If you have never been to a polo match before, now is the time to learn about this exciting and beautiful sport as the PHlock lands at the Polo Field on May 3rd for the 4th Annual Polo Tailgate Party starting a high noon. Follow the sign to the tailgate area to the left after paying the entrance fee of \$5.00 per person.

Tickets will be sold at all 3 PHlockings in April at \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of hamburgers, etc. BYOB and a dish to share as follows. Don't forget serving utensils. Also remember your chairs and small tables unless you want to sit in your golf cart. There is parking for cars in the same area.

A-J Appetizers K-P Salads Q-Z Desserts

IT'S TIME FOR PARROT HEAD GOLF!!

The PHlock will start playing again—golf that is. Take on the challenge and meet new friends, while playing a fun round of golf. It is a scramble format, so all levels of play are encouraged to join. You will not play with your spouse. There is a \$5 per person fee to cover prize money. Normal trail fees will apply. Call Bill at 753-3435 for questions.

Tee-times start at 1pm on the following dates and courses:

May 24	Roosevelt
June 21	Bacall
July 12	Truman
August 16	Bogart
September 13	Sandhill
Sign-ups start in April	

Tickets for the annual spring golf scramble trip to Deer Island CC in Mt. Dora are on sale now for \$5 per person. There is also a \$27 greens fee payable at the club.

E-mail Dave at dmacdougall@thevillages.net for more information on this fun golf outing.

LET'S DO SOME WASTIN' AWAY AGAIN

Our annual pilgrimage to Margaritaville at Citywalk in Orlando is scheduled for May 13th. The bus will leave The Villages at 3pm and return from Orlando at 11pm. Personal items cannot be left on the bus. This is a fun night off campus and not to be missed.

Tickets are \$15 to cover the bus and are on sale now. You are on your own while in Orlando.



HAVEN HOUSE

Hey Lady PHlockmates, it's time to clean out those closets!! Our annual clothing drive will be in May for Haven House, a local home for battered and abused women and children . Your new or gently used donations will be collected at all 3 PHlockings. Only in bags please.

This year, Haven House has expressed a need for toiletry items such as soap, body wash, hair products, dental hygiene products, , etc. Can you imagine if each Parrot Head donated one item how many bags we would fill!!!! For information call Pat at 751-0156.

CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS & CHEERLEADERS

Practice starts on April 4th for The Villages Parrot Heads beach volleyball team that will be representing our PHlock at the A1A St. Augustine Beach Bash and Tournament coming up on July 17-18. Practice will be held at the Chula Vista sand court every Saturday from 9-11AM. All levels of players are welcome.

For more information call Jim at 259-9155 or email jimdeecorcoran@yahoo.com.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...



The Tampa Bay Parrotheads have invited The Villages Parrot Heads to Tropicana Field in Tampa on May 30th to root for "The Rays" against the Minnesota Twins. The bus will leave The Villages at 11am and return after the game. There will be plenty of time for partying at Ferg's bar with the Tampa Bay Parrotheads prior to the 4:15 game. The bar is within walking distance of the stadium. You can leave stuff on the bus, but you will not have access to it until it is time to go home.

Tickets go on sale in April at \$25 per person and includes the bus and ticket to the game. You are on your own for food.

BUFFETT TRIVIA

"One of my all time favorite songs by Jimmy is "He Went to Paris" The song was written as a tribute to Eddie Balchowsky, who Jimmy first met when he was an opening act at the Quiet Knight in Chicago. Eddie was an old, one-armed janitor who consoled an often frustrated Jimmy. After a few nights talking with Eddie, Jimmy learned that the old man fought as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade against the fascist. He was also a gifted painter and wonderful pianist. Next time you hear this song, do yourself a favor, stop and listen to the lyrics."

There will be different questions asked as each PHlocking this month, so be sure to memorize (or copy) the trivia.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Our PHlock now has an environmental project. We are doing the Adopt-A-Lake Program at Paradise Lake in The Villages. Lake clean-up is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th. Anyone interested should come to the Starbucks area on Spanish Springs Town Square at 10:00 A.M. You will be given a short orientation along with gloves and a "work crew" t-shirt before proceeding to the lake. This lake is golf cart accessible.

If you are interested in being a part of this environmental project, please e-mail Jan at brooksdj@hotmai.com with your name and t-shirt size no later than April 20th.

TIDBITS

- We all wish a speedy recovery to PHlockmate Trish Alexander who underwent knee replacement surgery in March. You can tell she is a die-hard Parrot Head as she attended the Poker Run a few short weeks after her surgery!
 - Congratulations to Brenda Toshach on her first hole-in-one on February 26th on the Saddlebrook course.
 - A special thank you goes out to all those in the PHlock who offered the use of a wheelchair to a member in need. One was delivered to his home within hours of the request by Larry Vogt. This is just a small example of what being a Parrot Head is all about.
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LEAVING ON A JET PLANE?

When you are ready to go somewhere, check out the prices at Villages PHC travel first. The website offers everything from cruises, air only, hotels, car rental, etc. at competitive pricing. The best part is, the Parrot Heads get the commission normally paid to the travel agent.

Visit www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc or call Larry Turner at 352-753-4968.

NUMBERS GAME

Our PHlock is growing! There are now 606 members who have paid their dues for 2009. If you have a friend who is wondering why they are no longer getting email, you might remind them to pay their dues at the next PHlocking. All those who did not renew their membership have been purged from the list.

The Attendance at the PHlockings in March totaled over 400. Please remember to check in when you arrive at the restaurant. These numbers really help the Excomm with future planning.

Just an FYI, there were 753 members and guests who attended the Poker Run. That broke another record!!

PHLEDGHLINGS IN OUR NEST

There were 35 new members in March. Let's all welcome them to the nest!

Dunn, Hugh

Dunn, Karen

Drozdoff, Matt

Drozdoff, Angela

Tubbs, John

Tubbs, JoAnne

Bloemendaal, Randy

Brown, Ginny

Tillman, Joni

Foster, George

Plessner, Barry

Weyant, Betty

Matis, Phil

Matis, Nancy

Wallen, Claire

Jackson, Alan

Jackson, Pam

Infantino, John

Infantino, Sharon

Nicksic, Dennis

Nicksic, Marlene

Stromske, Tom

Stromske, Pat

Mabene, Val

Mabene, Will

Harrington, Jerry

Harrington, Eileen

Newman, Paul

Ekback, Bill

Wallace, June

Wilson, Arthur

Wilson, Sandra

Hemminger, Norma

Tutin, Lou

Benedetti, Ray

Welcome

Volunteerism—Has it flown the nest?

Take a look around at the next PHlocking or event. Do you notice anything? If you are paying attention you will see the same faces selling tickets or dishing up food or cleaning up afterwards that you see time and time again.

Know why? It's because out of a club with currently over 600 members, the same 50 or so people end up doing the work.

The club currently has 17 events on the calendar not including the PHlockings and the monthly EXCOMM meeting. Other events are in the works. These events just don't happen by themselves. It takes planning and coordination even to pull off a PHlocking.

So at the next PHlocking, stop by the Volunteer Sign-up Table. It would be great if each member (including snowbirds) worked one event a year. Just think of all the new friends you could make by volunteering your time for a couple of hours.

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