

# PARROT TALK



## THE VILLAGES PARROT HEADS

## WELCOME TO PARROT TALK

Welcome to the first edition of "Parrot Talk", a newsletter for The Villages Parrot Head Club. This monthly publication will be sent to the email address we have on file. There will also be a limited number of printed copies available at the monthly meetings for those who do not subscribe to email.

The intent of "Parrot Talk" is to keep our phlock up to date on club happenings, upcoming events, help needed, Excomm notes, personal items of interest, and some good gossip.



Your help will be needed to produce an interesting and informative newsletter. Please email your ideas, thoughts, news stories, and personal items for consideration in an upcoming issue. Also let us know if a member needs support due to illness or other family crisis. We also want to know if you are dancing in a show, win in the Senior Games or are a baseball star. If your name is mentioned in the Daily Sun, we need to know too.

We hope you enjoy "Parrot Talk"

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## RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again - time to renew your membership for 2009.

The renewal form is available online at [www.thevillagesparrotheads.com](http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com) to complete at home and bring to the meeting along with your renewal fee of \$15/person payable in cash

or check made out to The Villages Parrot Heads. Couples need only complete one form and submit one check. There will be blank forms available at the meeting, but the process goes much faster if the form is completed in advance.

**Each person renewing must have their current ID with them** as a sticker

will be placed on the existing ID **You can renew for your spouse or someone else only if you have their current ID.**

Look for the Membership table at both El Santiago and Margarita Republic which should be open for business around 3:30pm.

## CONDOLENCES

Please remember Parrot Heads Pat & Dick Subers in your prayers on the passing of Pat's mom, Edna McFagen, in December at the age of 103. There will be a memorial service on January 26th, 11am, at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake.

## WE'VE MOVED A MEETING LOCATION



### JANUARY MEETINGS

We've moved inside for the winter! Meetings in January will be at El Santiago on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and at Margarita Republic on Jan. 13. Both meetings will offer happy hour starting at 3pm. El Santiago will have Joel on the mic, while Margarita Republic will have T. Scott Walker. The business meeting is scheduled for around 6pm.

## SURVEY



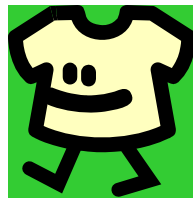
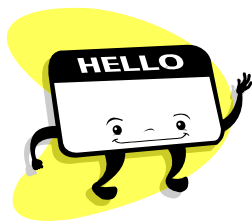
The Executive Committee's platform for this year is to improve communication and attempt to make your membership in the club a positive one. All members will be offered the opportunity during the next couple of months to complete an anonymous survey containing questions that should help the Committee determine the direction you want the club to take.

The survey should just take a few minutes of your time to complete and can be dropped in the box provided at meetings.

## 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE



The January pflocking for 5 O'clock Somewhere will be at Tierra del Sol on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be food and drink specials starting at 4pm. Remember to wear your green shirts!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 21	Poker Run
April 18	Anniversary Party
April 24	Relay for Life
September 20	Pool Party
November 5 - 8	Meeting of the Minds, Key West

## POKER RUN - MARCH 21 - POLO FIELD

This is without a doubt our biggest fund raiser of the year and each and every one of you should be involved to some extent.

Did you know that this event is not limited to Parrot Heads? Everyone you know is welcome to join the fun while making money for Parrot Head Charities. So get your friends and neighbors to buy a ticket, and "party with a purpose". Tickets for this event will go on sale in February.

Donations are needed for the "Baskets of Cheer" to be raffled with all proceeds going to charity. Members are asked to contribute a basket, or the makings for a basket, and we can have one of our very talented girls make it up.

Lots of help will be needed for this event. We will need starters and ticket sales, check point keepers, and finishers. There will be a need for food prep and servers, as well as clean-up. We will need help with the baskets, and folks to sell chances on the baskets.

So as you can see, there is something for everyone. Look for the sign-up sheet for this event at the Membership table. Your help is needed!

## MEET THE EXCOMM:

**President**

**Jan Brooks**

Jan has been married to Dave Brooks for 34 years. They moved from Madison, WI in 2002, and live in the Village of Piedmont. They have 2 children, David, 30, who lives in CA and is in investment banking; and Jennifer, 27, who is an attorney in Atlanta. Jan loves volunteering and fundraising, but can be found in front of the TV watching sports when not doing Parrot Head stuff.



**VP**

**Steve Hopper**

Steve has been married to Barbara Hopper for 29 years. They moved to the Village of Sable Chase 2 ½ years ago from Tarpon Springs, FL where he had a long career in management with Publix. Steve now works for Target in their Starbucks branch. When not working full time, he tries to squeeze in a little golf, along with traveling when the opportunity presents itself.



**Secretary**

**Gini Harris**

Gini has been married to Bill Harris for 36 years. Originally from NJ, they moved here from the Atlanta area in 2005. They live in the Village of Poinciana with their parrot Shonnie and their dog Cody. Prior to retirement, Gini worked in the airline industry for many years, before moving into human resources. Gini's passion other than Parrot Heads is music. She plays base clarinet and clarinet in several different bands in The Villages.



**Treasurer**

**Will Stone**

Will has been married to Sue Stone for 23 years and live in the Village of Lynnhaven. Will has 2 sons, Brian and Bruce, and retired from the nuclear power industry after a 26 year career. After early retirement, they owned the Chocolate Chicken, a candy and coffee shop in Egg Harbor, WI. In addition to his Parrot Head responsibilities, Will is President of The Villages Polo Booster Club.



**Membership**

**Joanne Heckman**

Joanne has been married to Joel for 34 years. They are originally from Buffalo, NY where they have 3 children and 6 grandkids. They live in the Village of Santiago with their dog, Max. Joanne is proud of her long career in the computer business and raising her family, but now considers "partying" among her favorite things to do.



**Trustee**

**Jim Corcoran**

Jim has been married to Dee Corcoran for 45 years. They moved from Hamburg, NY in 2002 to the Village of Piedmont. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Jim retired as a College Administrator and a Division 1 Track & Field Coach. Since moving to The Villages, Jim has immersed himself in the Republican club, CERT, and coaching track & field for the Senior Games, as well as coaching at The Villages High School. Jim is also our volleyball coach for the Parrot Head tournament in St. Augustine every year.



**Trustee**

**Sue Bross**

Sue has been married to Al Bross for 43 years. They moved to The Villages from Oviedo, FL where she was an administrative assistant in the Provost's office at the University of Central Florida. Sue enjoys ushering at Savannah Center.

