



PARROT TALK

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POKER RUN—COME ONE—COME ALL

INVITE YOUR NON-PARROT HEAD FRIENDS

The Parrot Heads annual Poker Run is scheduled for March 27th at the Polo Club. Tickets for the poker run are \$5.00. Please invite all your non-parrot head friends to this event. The 2nd PHlocking in March will be on St. Patrick's Day. If you do not plan on attending this PHlocking, please come to Hacienda on March 3rd to purchase your Poker Run tickets for you and your non-Parrot Head friends. Call Paul Kinder, 259-3832 or Charlie Howlett, 259-8134 for tickets

This is the PHlock's first and largest money-making event of the year. Charities supported by our efforts this year include Operation Homebound, The Villages Hospice, Make-a-Wish Foundation, and other Parrot Head Charities.

As in the past, there will be chance drawings, basket raffles, and silent auctions to raise money for local charities.

A large part of the success of our Poker Run depends on donations for the great baskets we raffle off. We want to try and beat last year's raffle total of \$4,000.00. The need is great this year, and with donations down, we hope you can find it in your hearts to donate a basket for a worthy cause. Please consider donating a basket containing items from one of your favorite past-times: golf, cooking, wine tasting, painting, scrapbooking, pets, bird watching, sewing, etc. Let your creativity go a little crazy.

Molly Boatman, Carolyn Barger and Bonnie Simpson are hard at work collecting donations and putting baskets together. This effort takes a lot of time, so please bring your donations early. For more information on donations, call Molly at 430-3163.



*And they're off and running at
the 2009 Poker Run.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

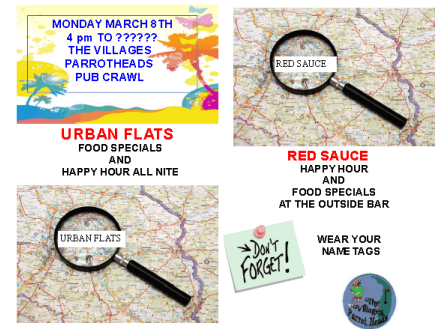
March 3	PHlocking at Hacienda Hills	March 31	Lake Paradise Clean up
March 8	Pub Crawl: Red Sauce and Urban Flats	April	Haven House Annual Clothing Drive
March 17	PHlocking at Mallory	April 16	Anniversary Party, Colony Cottage
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade—Both Squares	April 23-24	Relay for Life, Villages High School
March 27	Poker Run, Polo Club		

<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #00AEEF;">March PHLOCKINGS</h3> <p>March 3 Hacienda Hills Country Club</p> <p>March 17 Mallory Hill Country Club</p> <p>Both PHlockings start at 4pm. Please remember to wear your name tags and club shirts.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #9900CC;">EXCOMM MEETING</h3> <p>The EXCOMM Meeting will be held on Monday, March 22 starting at 9am at Hacienda Hills Country Club.</p> <p>If any member would like to address the EXCOMM at a monthly EXCOMM Meeting, they are always welcome to do so with a (30) day written notice.</p>
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MARCH PUB CRAWL

The weather is starting to warm up:

Let's get out there and crawl around Lake Sumter Landing. Come to the March Pub Crawl. Happy Hour and Food Specials at both Urban Flats and Red Sauce. Why not do both. Don't forget to wear your name tags.



ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Annual Parrot Head Anniversary Party is scheduled for April 16th at Colony Cottage Rec. Center. Tickets will be available at the March PHlockings for \$20.00 per person and are limited to 2 per person.

Entertainment will be provided by Howard Livingston and the Mile Marker 24 band. This #1 Key West band will provide tropical rock music.

Doors open at 4:30 PM, dinner starts at 5:30 PM and the band will play from 6:30 until the last Parrot Head is standing...or they kick us out! That's okay, it will not be the first time we were kicked out.

Tickets are going fast so be sure to purchase yours at the March Phlockings.

19th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2010 "Gypsies In The Palace"

November 4 - November 7, 2010 (Key West, Florida)

The Village Parrot Heads have reserved a block of rooms at the Southernmost Hotel and Resort for the 2010 Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Key West. The dates of MOTM are November 4th—6th.

Our Club's block of 30 rooms consists of 15 rooms with 2 Queen beds and 15 rooms with King beds. Rates are \$129.00 per night, plus 11.5% tax for Wednesday (3rd), and \$179.00, plus 11.5% tax for Thursday, Friday and Saturday (4th—6th). Check out on Sunday. Each room you book comes with a welcome cocktail.

Please refer to reference # VI LL10 when making reservations. Your credit card will be charged one nights deposit when you make your reservation.

Cancellation Policy: *Notice is required 10 days prior to arrival. Any cancellation made within the cancellation policies will face loss of deposit.*

You do not have to stay the entire 4 days. You can stay 2 or 3 and still reserve within the block.

Rooms are already starting to fill up so make your reservations early. If your plans change you can always cancel, as long as you are within the cancellation policy guidelines, and receive a full refund of your deposit.

To Make Reservations call Southernmost Hotel and Resort at 1-800-354-4455 refer to Block reservation #VI LL10.

If you make a reservation and decide you need to cancel, call Charlie Howletter @ 259-8134 before canceling. Once the above block of rooms is filled, we will start a waiting list for those who wish to stay at Southernmost.

Haven House

Annual Clothing Drive

Calling all Lady Parrot Heads: Can't wear those jeans anymore because you were so good and walked everyday? Why not make room in your closet for all those new clothes you need. It is almost Spring, so let's clean out those closets ladies! The Villages Parrot Heads will be donating again to Haven House. Haven house provides services to victims of domestic violence and to sexual assault victims. The priority is for women's clothing, although they do provide services for men.

Haven House is also in need of the following: Paper towels, tissues, diapers (all sizes), body wash, soap, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, hair brushes, hand and body lotions, cleaning supplies, bleach, menstrual supplies!

Please bring donations to the April PHlockings in bags. NO BOXES. For more information about donations for Haven House please call Molly Boatman at 430-3163

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Donate some of your time for this worthy cause. The next Paradise Lake Clean-up date is scheduled for March 31st. Please meet at the Lake at 11 am. This is the lake located directly in front of the golf cart bridge when you cross over 27/441.

For those that may be interested in joining the fun, call Cori at 750-4949 for details.

DEADLINE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder to all members who have not renewed their membership. You have until March 31st to renew at the rate of \$15 per person. Effective April 1st, the price for membership will go to \$20 per person and will remain at that rate for the remainder of the year.

You must have your current membership ID with you in order to renew. You should have a completed renewal form made out in advance to expedite the process. The application is available online on the Parrot Head site: www.thevillagesparrotheads.com. From the home page, click on membership application. If you are unable to attend a PHlocking and would like to renew, you can mail it to the address on the application.

ATTENTION TRAVELLERS

Don't forget to check out the Parrot Heads travel website at www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc for your travel needs. The website's prices are comparative to all the others: Travelocity, Orbitz, Expedia, etc. The best part is, the Club will be paid commission on everything you book. This includes car rentals and hotel rooms. That money will help pay to support the Club's charities as well as all those parties throughout the year.

PHLOCKING ATTENDANCE AND NEW MEMBERS

We had great turnout at both our February PHlockings despite the cold weather. We had 195 members at Hacienda Hills and 189 at Mallory. In addition, we had 27 new members join our club in February. We welcome them all!

Here is a list of our new members. Be sure to welcome them to the PHlock:

Larry & Pam Bastian	Barry & Rose Berger	Daniel & Winifred Burnham
Jackie Combs	Mike & Peggy Cordero	Tom & Martha Demers
Dale & Lois DeRonde	Paul Dugan	Bob & Cathy Fowler
Bob & Lin Fullem	Mike & Dee Gallagher	Sallie Gresham
Joseph & Carol Hood	Craig & Kathy Nugent	Bob & Mary Steinecke