



# PARROT TALK

THE VILLAGES PARROT HEAD NEWSLETTER

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Beginning January 1st, all members of The Villages Parrot Heads must renew their membership to remain active for 2010.

Membership has its privileges. You must be an active member to attend the several parties, bus trips and other functions held by the Club throughout the year. You must also be an active member if you are thinking about going to Key West for MOTM, or if Buffett concert tickets become available.

All current members have until March 31st to renew their membership at the rate of \$15 per person. New members can also join during that period at the same price. 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.

Renewal tables will be available at PHlockings beginning January 6th. 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 at [www.thevillagesparrotheads.com](http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com) and 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.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It has come to the attention of your Board that there has been some confusion as to where the Board-sanctioned monthly PHlockings are held.

The following are the only two (2) Board-sanctioned Phlocking locations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Hacienda Hills CC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Mallory Hill CC.

The Board also meets once monthly at 9AM at Hacienda Hills CC.

If any member would like to address the Board at a monthly Board Meeting, they are always welcome to do so with a (30) day written notice.

We hope that this clears up any confusion about the monthly Phlocking locations.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 18	5 O'clock Somewhere, 4pm at Palmer's CC	March 27	Poker Run, Polo Club
January 27	Paradise Lake Clean-up	April 16	Anniversary Party, Colony Cottage
January 30	Gasparilla Parade, Tampa, FL	April 23-24	Relay for Life, Villages High School
February 7	Super Bowl Party, Miona Rec Center		

### JANUARY PHLOCKINGS

January 6      Hacienda Hills Country Club  
 January 20     Mallory Hill Country Club

Both PHlockings start at 4pm. Please remember to wear your name tags and club shirts.

### EXCOMM MEETING

The EXCOMM Meeting will be held on Monday, January 18 starting at 9am at Hacienda Hills Country Club.

If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, you must request a space on the agenda in advance by contacting Jan Brooks.

## GASPARILLA PIRATE FESTIVAL

Join the PHlock for this fun-filled day in Tampa to watch the parade following the invasion of Tampa Bay by Spanish pirate "Jose Gaspar" and his "krewe".

The Parrot Head "Krewe" will leave Lake Miona Rec Center at 9am by bus, and will return after the parade with a stop along the way for dinner. Tickets are \$50 per person and include bus fare and grandstand seating for the parade. Dinner is on your own.

Be sure to wear your pirate gear as some folks "dress" for the occasion. Tickets are sold first-come first-served to you, your friends, and neighbors. You do not have to be a Parrot Head for this one. Contact Ed West at 259-9314 or email [bassman20071943@yahoo.com](mailto:bassman20071943@yahoo.com) for tickets or information.



The pirate ship Gasparilla invades Tampa Bay

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

The first ever Parrot Head Super Bowl Party will kick off on February 7th at Miona Rec Center starting at 5:30pm. Tickets will be on sale at PHlockings this month.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes TV and room rental, "\$5 foot long" subs and chips. BYOB and snacks to share. There are a limited number of seats left, so get your tickets early.

There will be no advance table reservations.

And who cares who wins, just come for another good time with the PHlock.

## IT'S TIME TO PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

The Parrot Head annual Poker Run is scheduled for March 27th at the Polo Club. 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.

Tickets will go on sale for reserved tables of 8 at PHlockings in January at \$40 each. You can bring your non-parrothead friends

As in the past, there will be chance drawings, basket raffles, silent auctions, and any other thing we can think of to earn money for charity.

Event Chairs, Charlie & Paul, will have sign up sheets at PHlockings for those willing to donate some time to lend a hand with this event. It takes a lot of volunteers!



And they're off...at the 2009 Poker Run.

A large part of the success of the Poker Run are the great baskets donated by members of our PHlock. Some imaginations really ran wild with the items some of the baskets contained last year.

Molly and Carolyn will be doing it again this year. As a matter of fact, they have already started looking for donated complete baskets, or items to go in a basket.

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.

Call Molly at 430-3163 or Carolyn at 259-2758 for donations and ideas.



The Parrot Heads won 3rd place in The Villages Christmas Parade. The awards were based on quality and originality.



A big thanks goes out to those who represented the PHlock, not only in this parade, but in all the parades during the year.

## ATTENTION TRAVELLERS

Don't forget to check out the Parrot Head travel website at [www.ytbtravel.com/villagesphc](http://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. That money will help pay to support the Club's charities as well as all those parties throughout the year.

## BACK ON THE SCHEDULE

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

The Paradise Lake Clean-up project will start up again after the holiday hiatus starting on January 27th. Please meet at the lake at 11am.

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

### 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

The PHlock is taking off again after a winter's nap and will land at Palmer's CC on January 18th. The fun will start at 4pm with happy hour prices until 6pm. Our favorite DJ Joel will provide the entertainment on the patio.

## PHLOCKING ATTENDANCE AND NEW MEMBERS

December attendance at our PHlockings was 100 members at Hacienda Hills and 169 at Mallory.

There were a few new members that we would like to welcome to the PHlock:

Cynthis & Richard Connors      Bob Enyeart      Duane Hess      Sharon & Bruce Carlson      Janet Hull      Eddie Manson