

Larson's Latitudes

The Villages Parrot Heads Newsletter

Abide.

January 2025

“Year of the Pirate”

Edited by Marty Guillouma



President's Corner

“Mark the Shark” Woodland



December ended 2024 with a bang. We started with The Villages Christmas Parade in Spanish Springs. Thanks to Mr. Al Townsend for organizing and to everyone who participated or came out to cheer us on. It was Phun Day.

We all enjoyed a great bus trip to Hollerbach's German Restaurant and the Asian Lantern Festival at the Sanford Zoo. The 2 bus loads of Parrotheads certainly had a magical time. Thanks to Sheila Hughes and Ellen McLees for organizing such a memorable bus trip.

A few days later, the Trop Rock Junkies rocked the La Hacienda rec center for our 2024 Christmas Party. It was phun to see so many people in their pajamas. This was the first party that Jean & Rich Colamarino organized and they did a tremendous job. And did I mention the food? Cody's Brownwood did an excellent job, as usual. Thank you Mary and your staff.

I am sure that everyone had many of your own holiday events to attend and I hope everyone had a great Christmas.

We ended 2024 with our New Years Eve Party. Hollywood Knights entertained us up until the New Year of 2025. Another great night! Thanks to Ruth Queverdo and Bob Alosi for organizing this one.

2025 brings us additional challenges while helping others and enjoying a good time doing it. Our first ever Redneck Hootenanny will be on January 9th (tickets are still available on our website). Our annual Gasparilla Golf Cart Invasion of Brownwood Square takes place on January 24th, ending at Bluefin Bar & Grill to listen to entertainment.

So, Parrotheads, get ready for a great 2025 as we continue to “Party with a Purpose” and to “Leave the World a Little Better Place than We Found It”.

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Club

HEY PARROTHEADS, WHAT TIME IS IT?

2024



John Swift
Dec 4 @ Cane Garden CC

Johnny Ward
Dec 11 @ Havana CC

Mark-the-Shark
Dec 15 @ Belle Glade CC

Marty Guilliouma, Oct 2

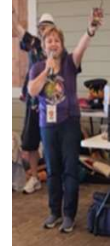
Hurricane Milton, Oct 9

John Williams, Oct 20

Jim Dieleman Nov 6

Skip Todd Nov 13

Carolyn Barger Nov 17



Lee Carson, Aug 1

Bob Slaninka, Aug 14

Patti Petretti, Aug 18

Judy Koch, Sep 4

Terry Wallace, Sep 10

Jeanne Williams, Sep 15



Frank Shomilak, May 19

Geri Carapazza, Jun 5

Mr. Al Townsend, Jun 12

Bob Alosi, Jun 16

Bill Harris, Jul 3

Bonnie Manhard, Jul 10

Larry Roeder, Jul 21



Club

December Wrap-Ups

Dec 6 Christmas Parade @ Spanish Springs

Mr Al Townsend, Chair

BEST PARADE GROUP EVER!! BEST TIKI BAR MARGARITAS TOO!

Charity

Dec 12

2024 Festival of Trees

Marty McKay, Tree Chair

Proceeds go to the Sumter County Special Olympics.

Again, the Parrot Head Christmas Tree was decorated by Chair Marty McKay and her 2024 committee: Sandy Darrah, Sue Kermis, and Vickey Rudseth. The theme of the tree was Birdie Shots, decorated with golf items and Fireball ornaments.. About 30 trees were displayed for bidding. A reception was held on December 12 at the Sumter Landing Waterfront Inn. Team Drink to the Tree Team.



Club

Dec 19



Christmas Party, La Hacienda RC

Jean & Rich Colamarino, Chair
Trop Rock Junkies



2025 TVPHC Board of Directors



Mr. Al Townsend
Best Dressed



Bonnie & Jeff Manard
Best Pajamas



Frannie Durr
Best Slippers



Charlotte Amanta
TVPH Tree Winner



Mark Woodlard
Our President



Trop Rock Junkies



Santa Claus
"Of Course"

January Phlockings & Future Events

Club
Parrotheads gather at phlockings to hear about upcoming activities/ events while enjoying good food, drink, and great live music.

Wednesday, Jan 1th, Garden CC
3:30pm - 6:00pm



Jan 1 Phlocking CANCELLED
See you at the Jan 8th Phlocking
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Wednesday, Jan 8th, Havana CC
1:00pm - 3:30pm



Rocky & Michelle will provide the entertainment for our 2nd Phlocking this month.
Performing together for 50+ years!
Food Drive for Fruitland Food Pantry.
All canned foods: fruits, vegies, beans, soups, etc. Peanut butter and Jelly, shelf Real milk, box meals.


Sunday, Jan 19th, Belle Glade CC
3:30pm - 6:00pm
"Phins-Up Shop" -Open



Mike and Terrie will provide the entertainment for our 3rd Phlocking this month.
Singers/performers having more fun than the law allows!

ATTENTION-DEC 2024: EVENT CHAIRS and EVENT VOLUNTEERS!!!!

If you need to go to the TV Parrot Head STORAGE UNIT for your up-coming events, you **MUST** contact:
Carolyn Barger
352-638-3681



5420 Sundance Trail
Wildwood, FL 34785

Apr 24-26 Rendezvous 2025 Panama City Beach!!
SAVE THE DATE! Flyer page 27

Mar 22 TVPHC Poker Run Fundraiser
Help Wanted Pg 7
Kathi Purdy, Chair 352-792-4024
Kathy Newstat, Co-Chair 609-674-7278
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Club Jan 9 RedNeck Hootenanny
Lee Caron, Chair 813-456-6833
Ann Blanchard, Co-Chair 353-551-9482
IT'S GONNA BE A HOOT!!
Flyer page 15

Blood Jan 10 & 11 Blood Drive
skip0358@gmail.com
Flyer page 16



Travel Jan 9 Travel Committee Mtg
Receive a Parrot Point for attending!
Sheila Hughes 513-324-3150
1:00pm Churchill RC
Flyer page 8

Club Jan 14 New Members Orientation
10:am - Havana CC on the patio.
Receive a Parrot Point for attending.
Flyer page 17

NOTE: Meeting changed to Havana CC.

Volunteer Jan 13,14,15 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
Live Oaks Community Church
gpfeiffer121@gmail.com
Help to fill 300,000 bags of dried food to be distributed U.S. & worldwide.
Flyer page 18

Club Jan 20 Bon Voyage Meet & Greet Cruisers
Judy & Larry Turner
Rohan RC 12:30-2:30
ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!
2025 NCL CRUISERS, at this meeting you will pick up your "Welcome Packet" which includes your name tag, your T-shirt (if purchased), and many other goodies.
IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING, YOU MUST ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR PACKET. This will be the only opportunity to get your T-shirt & name tag which is in this packet!
Flyer page 19

Club Jan 24 Gasparilla Pirate Golf Cart Parade
3rd Annual Event
*Northern Residents: 2pm at Eisenhower RC.
*Southern residents: meet behind Cody's to muster.
Dress like a Pirate !!
Decorate your golf cart !!
Flyer page 20



Travel Jan 25 Tampa Bay Gasparilla Pirate Fest
Flyer page 21
\$129/pp, SOLD OUT
WorkmanTravel.com

Club Feb 1 The Villages Rotary Chili Cookoff
Flyer page 22
Sumter Landing
Help Wanted!!! Pg 7

Charity Feb 5, 12, 23 February Clothing Drive
Flyer page 6 & 23
Bob Williams, Chair
bigsky2223@gmail.com
773-480-7430

Club Feb 15-22 Judy & Larry Turner
352-308-7645
Lets Go Cruisin'!!
Jan 20th - Bon Voyage Meet & Greet
Flyer page 24&25

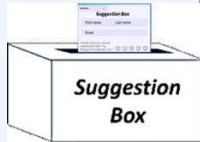
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12/29/24

Welcome 2025! Your Media Trustee and the Executive Committee have been very busy preparing for 2025 during the month of December. With the year end surge of new members and membership renewals, Bonnie Menard, your 2025 elected Membership Director, will maintain the membership email addresses to streamline the Parrothead Club News frequent broadcasts.



Also, new to this month/year is a Suggestion Box posted on the webpage homepage. This is for constructive suggestions as opposed to complaints. Current board members are fully in work-over load and have their own priorities. If you submit a suggestion, you should be willing to provide solutions, options, and lead in implementing your suggestion.

So, Happy New Year!! Looking forward to an exciting 2025



CLUB



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QR Developer
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December New Members as of 12/29/24

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Caryn Aran | Debbie Muscha |
| Paul Aran | Grace Newman |
| Anne Brodie | Luba Palermo |
| Jimmie Dotson | Pamela Pallarelli |
| Sharon Dotson | Roger Petit |
| Jimmie Duncan | Carol Quid |
| Susan Dunn | Lisa Ring |
| John Holze | Dan Shively |
| Lenora Holze | June Shively |
| Marie Hosner | Robert Sotero |
| Kenny Kaye | Elaine Sotero |
| Kirt Konopasek | Brian Surette |
| Tammy Konopasek | Agnes Vaccarelli |
| Todd Krueger | Louis Vaccarelli |

As you know, we started a random monthly drawing for a \$25 Havana gift card each month for those who check-in using the QR Codes on their lanyards. For each phlocking you attend during the month, you have another chance for the next month's drawing! These members have already won!!

October winner – Annette Campbell
November winner – Bob Riker

We'll be drawing for our December winner at Havana CC on January 8th. So, keep wearing your lanyards and checking in with your QR Codes for a chance to be the next gift card winner!

Bonnie Menard
Membership Director



Welcome

Charity News

Charity

Marsha Herring, Charity Trustee, presented a \$2,000 check to Combat Vets to Careers at the December 15th Phlocking.



Charity

Charity Trustee, Marsha Herring
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 412-260 7475

2025 Monthly Charity Food Drives

Drop off at one of the below Phlocking each month:

HAVANA 2nd Wed of Month	BELLE GLADE 3rd Sun of Month	CANE GARDEN 1st Wed of Month
✓ JAN 8 Fruitland	FEB 16 23 Lady Lake <i>Note: Date Change due to Club Cruise 2/15-2/22</i>	MAR 5 Panasoffkee
APR 9 Wildwood	MAY 18 Fruitland	JUN 4 Lady Lake
JUL Panasoffkee	AUG Wildwood	SEP Fruitland
OCT Lady Lake	NOV Panasoffkee	DEC Wildwood

2025 CHARITY DONATIONS

- Alzheimer's Assoc-Rob Ainsley Memorial Golf Outing
- American Society for Suicide Prevention
- Angel Wigs of Hope
- Cody's Fundraiser
- ★ Combat Veterans to Careers in Feb
- 3 Food Pantries: Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, Lake Panasoffkee (Wildwood)
- Hands of Mercy Everywhere (Trafficking)
- It Takes a Village
- Local Humane Society (Lake Pan)
- Operation Shoebox - Cody's Fundraiser May
- Patriot Service Dogs for Vets - Cody's Fundraiser Oct
- Pet Supplies Local Pet Shelter Drive
- Project Support Our Soldiers
- Shepherd's Lighthouse
- Sons of the American Legion
- Special Olympics of Clermont (PH Christmas Tree)
- Tri-County Women Veterans
- Veterans Helping Veterans
- Veterans to Careers Clothing Drive
- Wildwood Middle High - Cody's Fundraiser Jul
- Wildwood Soup Kitchen
- Ziggy's Haven Bird Sanctuary

All charities are 501(c)3 charities and are local.

2025 FEBRUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

What's in your closet that you no longer want or need?

Bob Williams, Chair

At all 3 February phlockings, we will be accepting donations of men and women clothing, and accessories such as shoes, belts, hats, purses and jewelry. All items must be clean and in saleable condition. Help us by putting items in plastic bags with ties and jewelry in a separate zip lock bag. Cash donations accepted.

This drive will support the Combat Veterans To Careers (CVC). Their re-sale store, "The Restoring Hope Clothing Boutique", is adjacent to the Wildwood City Hall at 104 E Wonders St.

www.combatveteranstocareers.org.

CVC helps post 9/11 combat veterans transition from military service to productive civilian life. When a veteran returns from a combat zone, they are different, many having physical and/or mental disabilities. In the tri-county area, CVC helps reintegrate them into both their families and the community. CVC provides assistance with vocational training, employment, education, housing, mental/physical wellness, and Veterans Administration. There is a very high success rate with clients

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January 8 Food Drive @ Havana

Items requested by the Fruitland Food Pantry:

- All canned foods: fruits, vegetables, beans, soups, etc.
- Peanut butter and Jelly. shelf Real milk, box meals.



Volunteer News

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

HELP WANTED: Volunteers

Jaci Burdash
jlb2500@gmail.com
312-209-9090



1/10 & 11/25 Blood Drive
frandurr2@yahoo.com

Hot Dog/Grill Masters

- Transport grill
- Cook
- Clean up
- Store equipment

Position Filled!

Contact Fran Durr

Attendance:
Jaci Burdash
jlb2500@gmail.com

50/50:
Deb Warren
Warrendeborah7@gmail.com

Membership:
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New Members Table:
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Jim Dieleman
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Security:
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FEB 1 Chili Cookoff



Thank you Dale Ross, Ken McCreary, and Rodell Babasa for your many years of coordinating and cook. They are retiring from the Chili Cookoff. TEAM DRINK to YOU!

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP !!

We need Coordinators to fill and organize the following positions. You must have some experience with the Chili Cook-Off process and what is required

- Set-Up Coordinator
- Event Volunteer Coordinator
- Cookie Donations Coordinator
- Daily Activity Coordinator
- Working-the-Crowd Coordinator

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

All positions will require many volunteers to help before, during, and after the Cook-Off. Watch for more Help Wanted announcements soon.

The following positions have been filled:
COOK - Gary Steinbach
BOOTH - Bob Veurink
TREASURY - Denise Woodland
SECURITY - Dave Walls

SEE FLYER ON PAGE 22 FOR MORE DETAILS.

MAR 22 Poker Run

Kathy Purdy, Chair
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Kathy Newstat
609-674-7278

SOLICITATION COMM
-Joy Klemencic, Chair
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-Deb Warren, Co-Chair
Warrendeborah7@gmail.com

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

BASKET RAFFLE COMM
-Eileen Murray, Chair
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eileenm5715@gmail.com
Looking for someone to train for 2026

SEE FLYER ON PAGE 26 FOR MORE DETAILS.

To read more about "How to Earn Parrot Points" Flyer page 11.

For Volunteer Positions outside the Club Flyer page 14

SECURITY Dave Walls, Chair

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904 506 1156

At each phlocking and other special events (poker run, golf outings, fundraisers, etc.), at least 1 of our members is a Security volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Dave. He will explain more about the position.

Earn Parrot Points!!!!

Travel News

Trivia & Drink

Travel



Sheila Hughes
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Next Travel Meeting

JANUARY 9th, Thursday

The Travel Committee meets the 2nd Thursday every month. Get involved, you'll be glad you did.

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Churchill Downs RC
Village resident ID required by the Rec Center
Receive 1 Parrot Point for attending

2 TRIPS SCHEDULED SOON!

2025 Travel Committee Activities

Jan 25 Tampa Bay Gasparilla Pirate Fest

SOLD OUT!
WAIT LIST ONLY

(Parade of Pirates)
Tickets at WorkmenTravel.com.

\$129.00pp (bus, driver tip, bleacher reserved seats)

Feb 15-25 Lets' Go Cruisin! Norwegian Epic

SOLD OUT!
WAIT LIST ONLY

Judy & Larry Turner

2025 is going to be full of exciting and phun trips. The committee is working hard researching and checking out trips that can be planned for our Club members. And come join us at a Committee meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month.

GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING PHUN!
Sheila Hughes

WEAR YOUR LANYARDS



Trivia of the Month

Barb Hopper



In the song "Trying to Reason With Hurricane Season," what does Jimmy estimate the wind speed to be when he decides to close the shutters?

- a) "Over forty miles an hour"
- b) "Gusting to seventy knots"
- c) "Fifty knots or there abouts"
- d) "It felt like it was blowing sixty"

Answer on page 28

Drink of the Month

"Fuller's Favorites"

Linda & Kevin Fuller
lgfuller611@gmail.com
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kfullerfla@gmail.com
516-317-6668



Caramel Apple Martini

2 oz Apple Cider
2 oz Vanilla Vodka
1 oz Butterscotch Schnapps
(optional- 1-2-tsp jarred caramel sauce)
Garnish: Sliced fresh apple / Cinnamon stick

In a shaker combine:

Apple Cider, Vanilla Vodka, Butterscotch Schnapps, Caramel Sauce & Ice.

Shake well, strain and pour.

Add your garnish and ENJOY!

WELCOLM: OUR CLUB'S NEW "DRINK OF THE MONTH" MIXOLOGISTS

Get ready for a year of "Fuller's Favorites"

2024 Christmas Smiles



Volunteer Parrot Points

LEARN HOW YOU EARN THEM

January 2025

Jaci Burdash
Volunteer Coordinator
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Earning Parrot Points

Some of you might ask, What are volunteer Parrot Points and what are they used for? Members can earn Parrot Points from volunteering at our club's various events. For example: taking attendance at Phlockings, selling 50/50 tickets, donating blood, volunteering at the blood drive, helping at parties, and/or volunteering at any of our 3 big events per year (chili cook off, poker run, golf tournament).

Accumulating Parrot Points

Points are accumulated on a "rolling" 12 month period, i.e., from February to January or July to June. The rolling system works when points for a new month are posted and the points for the prior year period are dropped. For example: July points for the current year are posted, the July points for the previous year will drop off. The only way your accumulated Parrot Point totals will change is when a new month is tallied and posted.

Posting Monthly Parrot Points

The total of all Members' Parrot Points are posted each month on our website: villagesparrot-heads.com, Quick Links, Check Earned Points. Monthly, event chairs submit the earned Parrot Points to me to track, tally, and post for the member's review. Check your points each month and let me know if you think any Parrot Points are missing.

Thanking you, our Members

Parrot Points are given to those members rewarding the volunteer work they have done for our club. And this is one of the ways we thank you for volunteering.

Parrot Points are then recognized to purchase advance ticket sales, advance priority event seating, receive an invitation to the annual Volunteer Appreciation event (specific yearly total must be accumulated), and to receive a Volunteer Appreciation Pin in recognition for your Volunteer efforts.

And, you do not lose Parrot Points if you use them to purchase advance ticket sales or priority seating.

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Volunteer Opportunities Outside Our Club

To be an approved charity, it must be a “not-for-profit” organization and registered with the State of Florida. Also, the contact or assistance must be willing to track the volunteer’s hours worked each month and report them back to our Volunteer Trustee.

Receive Parrot Points

Email the charity contact below if you are interested and tell them you are a Parrothead.

Wildwood Soup Kitchen: A church based not-for-profit organization that feeds the hungry in Wildwood Florida, complete the application, and include that you are a Parrothead.

Contact: Barbara McManus: 352-299-6494.

Email: barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com

Website: wildwoodsoupkitchen.org

The Villages Regional Hospital:

Contact: Gloria Counselman: 352-751-8176

Email: tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org

Cornerstone Hospice:

Email Heidi Gamet: hgaumet@cshospice.org.

Operation Homebound: A Meals on Wheels program for The Villages and surrounding areas.

Call: 352-689-1023, Email OHB@northlakepc.org

Best Buddies International: The charity is dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation for people with disabilities, i.e. Downs syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury.

Call: 407-898-0787

Email: centralflorida@bestbuddies.org

Shepard’s Lighthouse: The charity helps homeless women, and mothers with children, get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter and training. The charity also has open positions on their Board of Directors.

Contact: Kathie Niesem: 847-641-3287

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No changes 2025

Club

The Villages Parrot Head Coco-Nutz



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WELCOME BONNIE!!!

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WELCOME BONNIE!!!

Club

Our 2025 Corporate Sponsors

Please support our Sponsors. Last updated 7/30/24



Cody's has been a Corporate Sponsor for over 10 years. Without their support, we could not hold the Charity Fund Raisers our Club is known for. Cody's Original Roadhouse is a fun, casual, family friendly Roadhouse that serves "Just plain Good Food". You won't go home hungry or broke.



The Cane Garden Country Club is our newest venue. They have a great reputation for food and friendly service. Their location reflects the changing demographics of our Club's membership.



Havana Country Club hosts our Lunch Phlocking each month. Havana is proud to offer one of the best dining experiences in The Villages. They specialize in fine steaks, fresh seafood and pasta.



Belle Glade Country Club hosts our 3rd Phlocking each month. They invite you to come and promise to serve up what it takes to make you happy.

Safe Harbor Financial &
Insurance Services LLC
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352-205-6911

Jack Maiz is a Club Member and the owner of Safe Harbor Financial & Insurance Services LLC. He specializes in Medicare Planning for Veterans on Tricare and Eligible Seniors, age 65 and over. He also specializes in Fixed Guaranteed Annuities. You can visit his website at www.jmaizsafeharborllc.com or call him at (352) 205-6911.



Owned by Club member Scott Larson, the Lake-Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC does just what the name says. Each year there are over 15,000 house fires caused by lint filled dryer vents. This local business can make sure your house is not one of them. Call for an appointment at (352) 787 5202 or visit www.lakesumterdryerventcleaning.com.



Securenet Financial, LLC specializes in lifetime retirement income planning, investment wealth planning, tax planning, "what if" planning and legacy planning. A proud advocate for Operation Shoebox, we helped the club raise \$2500 for our troops overseas. Call for a free consultation (352) 312-9900 or visit SecurenetFinancial.com.



Diane Smallwood is a Realtor with the Keller Williams Cornerstone Agency capable and she is ready to help you buy or sell a home. She is also one of the Club's favorite entertainers Caribbean Chillers. Diane can be reached at (352) 787-4325, email at DianeSmallwood@kw.com, or website is www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com.



Street Rod has been a Club sponsor for several years. They support our annual Golf Outing, food drives and our annual Poker Run. They sell one of America's highest quality golf carts. They would like to show you what the Street Rod experience is like. Come take a test drive as driving is believing. Call (352) 751-3953 to see the drive difference between your cart and a Street Rod.



Culture Traveler is a boutique luxury travel agency that caters to discerning individuals and groups seeking unique cultural experiences. They specialize diverse cultures, fine arts, exquisite cuisine, and global destinations offering creative and personalized itineraries. Their outstanding customer service ensures memorable and enriching travel experiences. Contact Suzanne Moore at (917) 653-8617 or email smoore@culturetraveler.com to learn more.

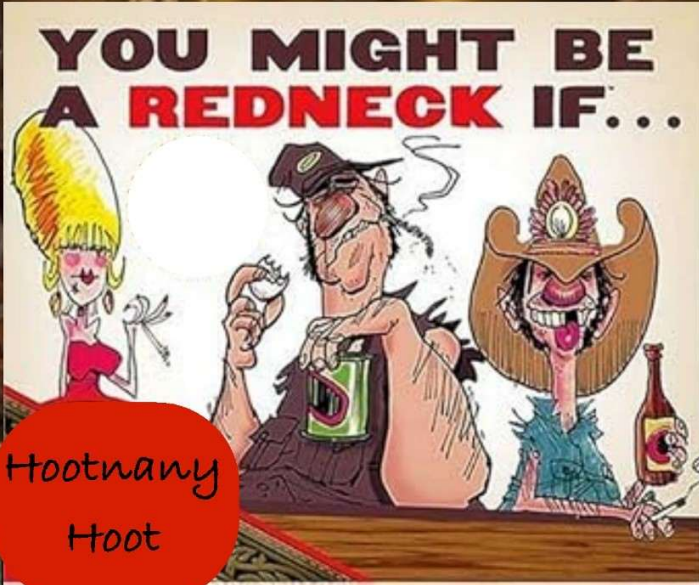


The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We always appreciate their support.

Club

January 9

REDNECK HOOTENANNY Come gather with Phriends for a HOOT of a party



Let's have fun with this one folks.

The dress code for the evening is "red neck." Have fun with that costume and maybe you will be recognized as the best redneck.

We will provide limited table snacks, so feel free to bring some of your own to share!



Laurel Manor Rec Center
 Date: January 9, 2025
 Time: 5 PM - 9 PM
 Cost: \$20.00 Per Person
 No Refunds
 Entertainment: Alabamas Neil Dover Band
 Chair: Lee Caron 813-480-0833
 Assistant Chair: Ann Blanchard
 353-551-9482

Blood

January 10 & 11

Blood Drive

Fire Station 44, 3035 Morris Ave
The Villages FL 32163



2025 Blood Drive Dates
January 10 & 11
March 7 & 8
May 4 & 5
July 5 & 6
September 11 & 12
November 10 & 11



Bring Your Lanyards



Contact Skip Todd at skip0358@gmail.com to register



The Villages Parrot Heads Club broke its own record for blood donations in 2024. The club collected more than 302 gallons of blood this year, which translates to 7,257 blood transfusions.
Nov. 28, 2024, TV Daily

*Each blood donation is enough to save 3 lives!
And score volunteer points for donating* 👍

Club

January 14, 2025



Parrot Head New Member Orientation
January 14th, 10am

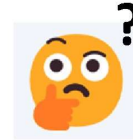


Havana Country Club (on the Breezeway)

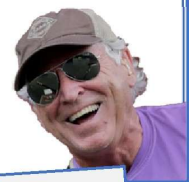
2484 Odell Circle, The Villages

Please Note Location Change

Learn



- How our club was founded
- What is a Parrothead & How did it start
- Our volunteer point system and benefits of volunteering
- Parrotheads around the world
- Our charities and fundraisers
- Our club get togethers
- Our club structure
- What you can do with our club
- And much, much more



Score a Volunteer Point for attending!!



VOLUNTEER

January 13, 14, 15



THE VILLAGES PARROTHEADS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Another opportunity to help with food packing for this worthwhile organization. They are asking for our help to fill 300,000 bags of dried food which will be distributed worldwide, including the US.

The location is Live Oaks Community Church, 12070 CR 103, Oxford (behind the WalMart on 466).

Monday, 1/13 - 12-2; 3-5

Tuesday, 1/14 - 9-11; 12-2; 3-5

Wednesday, 1/15 - 9-11; 12-2; 3-5

If you want to help out, please send an email to gpfeiffer121@gmail.com. Include your name, email address, phone number, and date and time of the shift(s) you want to work.

PLEASE INCLUDE THAT YOU ARE WITH THE PARROT HEADS.

You can volunteer for multiple shifts.

All are asked to arrive 30 minutes early for your session.

You will earn 1 Parrot point for each session you attend, so please remember to sign your name on the sign-in sheet.

Since this is a food packing event, you are asked to wear as little jewelry as possible. Do not wear a name tag. No open toe shoes. Do not come if you are ill or not feeling well.

**JACI BURDASH
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

**January 20
12:30pm—2:30pm**

Bon Voyage Meet & Greet Cruisers

**Judy & Larry Turner
352-308-7645
ROHAN RC Patio
12:30pm - 2:30pm**

2025 ALL NCL CRUISERS

At this meeting you will pick up your “Welcome Packet” which will include your name tag, your T-shirt (if purchased), and many other goodies.

IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING, YOU MUST ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR PACKET FOR YOU. This will be the only opportunity to get your name tag and T-shirt (if purchased) which is in this packet!



January 24



Gasparilla Pirate Festival Villages ParrotHead Style



January 25th, 2024 is the Gasparilla Pirate festival in Tampa with a parade and boat parade. Since we are not in Tampa, and do not have a river, we are, once again, going to have our own Gasparilla Pirate Festival, **Villages ParrotHead Style** here in the Villages. This will be our 3rd annual Gasparilla Festival.

**Dress like a Pirate !!
Decorate your golf cart !!**

Our festival is a Pre- Gasparilla festival and will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2025. We are going to start a little earlier this year, so please be at your locations by 2pm as the parade to Brownwood will start at 2:15.

The Gasparilla Festival in Tampa is on the 25th. We do the day before in case anyone wants to go to Tampa!

We are going to make it shorter this year. Anyone from the north will gather at Eisenhower rec center. Anyone from the south can meet in the lot behind Cody's Brownwood. The Eisenhower carts will leave at 2pm and muster behind Cody's with the other carts. Anyone can come to Eisenhower and parade, or meet behind Cody's, whichever you prefer.

This will all end up at Brownwood Square where the Pirates will INVADE the square. In Golf Carts instead of boats causing havoc and mayhem !!!!

We have "Danny B" playing our phavorite tunes from 3pm-5pm and Mike Miller behind the bar, both at Bluefin Grille & Bar.

More details will follow but this will give you time to get your pirate outfits/costumes together. Go to amazon, etc, or just google pirate costumes or outfits and see what they have. You can get inexpensive or expensive outfits or you can make your own.

No points, just free PHUN !!

What is Gasparilla - well Named for pirate Jose Gaspar, who terrorized the coastal waters of West Florida during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Tampa's annual Gasparilla celebration begins with the [Gasparilla Invasion](#). Over 750 swashbucklers invade Tampa Bay aboard the majestic pirate ship "Jose Gasparilla," kicking off a full schedule of pirate-themed events.

Once ashore, the captain and his Mystic Krewe celebrate their takeover of the city with a four-mile long Parade of Pirates, unloading untold Gasparilla treasures for visitors and locals to plunder. The third largest parade in the United States, the Parade of Pirates is attended by 300,000 onlookers, many donning period-themed pirate garb.

The festivities continue into the evening at the Gasparilla Pirate Fest Street Festival with live music, food and entertainment.

So we will invade Brownwood !!

Tell your friends - everyone is invited !!

January 25



**Gasparilla Pirate Fest
(Parade of Pirates)
Saturday Jan 25, 2025**



**SOLD OUT -
Contact Workmans.travel.com
for Wait List.**

The Villages Parrot Heads will be joining a Workman Travel day trip on Jan 25th on an adventure to attend the Gasparilla Pirate Fest Tampa. Enjoy a day at the event with reserved seating for the parade, over 100 vendors for food and drinks, and live music!!

Tickets include designated “First Mate Seats” at beginning of parade. Wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather, bring sunscreen and a hat, and don’t forget your pirate gear!



Itinerary:

9:30 am- Depart Lake Sumter Landing (1045 Old Mill Run)

9:50 am- Depart Brownwood behind the Brownwood Hotel and The Center for Advanced Healthcare

11:45 am- Arrive in Tampa. Time to get food, drinks and find seats before the parade begins.

Parade begins at 2:00 pm and is expected to end by 6:00 pm.

Please meet at the bus 45 minutes after parade ends.



\$129/each includes transportation, bleacher seat, bus driver tip and a water bottle. Host gratuity not included.

Tickets available at
<https://workmantravel.com/the-villages-day-trips/gasparilla-pirate-fest-parade-of-pirates-saturday-january-2024>

(352) 776-2500



February 1



2/1/25 Annual Chili Cookoff

This year's Rotary Club Chili Cook-off is Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Sumter Landing. We have won the People's Choice award 11 years straight, so let's extend the streak this year!!

We have decided to run the event by committee this year and still need the below coordinators to complete the committee. You must have some experience with the Chili cook-off to fill these positions. Each position will receive at least 3 Volunteer "Parrot" points for their efforts that day, and days leading up to the event.

- ✦ Set-up Coordinator to arrange truck/ transportation to-from storage
- ✦ An Event Volunteer Coordinator to keep track of all volunteers and inform the Club coordinator of all volunteer points allocated.
- ✦ Cookie Donations Coordinator to collect cookies, etc before and during event and distribution of same, then reporting points to event Volunteer Coordinator
- ✦ Daily Activity Coordinator to make sure everything is getting done with help from others. Examples: prize wheel/signs/Money to Rotary/ Rotary meetings/etc
- ✦ A Working the Crowd Coordinator to have members working the crowd to entice people to come to our booth.

If you are interested in being a coordinator and being part of our committee, please contact Mark Woodland at MarktheSharkDJ@gmail.com for more info. You will have other volunteers working with you and you will NOT have to do all the work

Lots more info coming soon, so mark your calendars !!



February 5, 12, 23

Bob Williams, Chair



What's in your closet that you no longer need?

At all 3 Phlockings in February we will be collecting men's, women's and children's clothing to support a local charity.

Accessories are also welcome, such as shoes, belts, hats, jewelry, and purses. Items donated need to be clean and in sale-able condition.

Help us expedite our loading and delivering efforts by putting items in plastic bags with ties. Please put all jewelry donations in a zip-lock plastic bag.

Donations will be delivered to Restoring Hope Clothing Boutique, a thrift shop supporting Combat Veterans To Careers(CVC). It is located adjacent to City Hall in Wildwood.



CVC helps post 911 combat veterans transition from military service to productive civilian careers. In the tri-county area, CVC helps veterans and their families with employment, education, housing, physical/mental wellness, Veterans Administration help and more.

www.combatveteranstocareers.org for more information

Cash donations will also be accepted

Chair: Bob Williams bigsky2223@gmail.com 773-480-7430

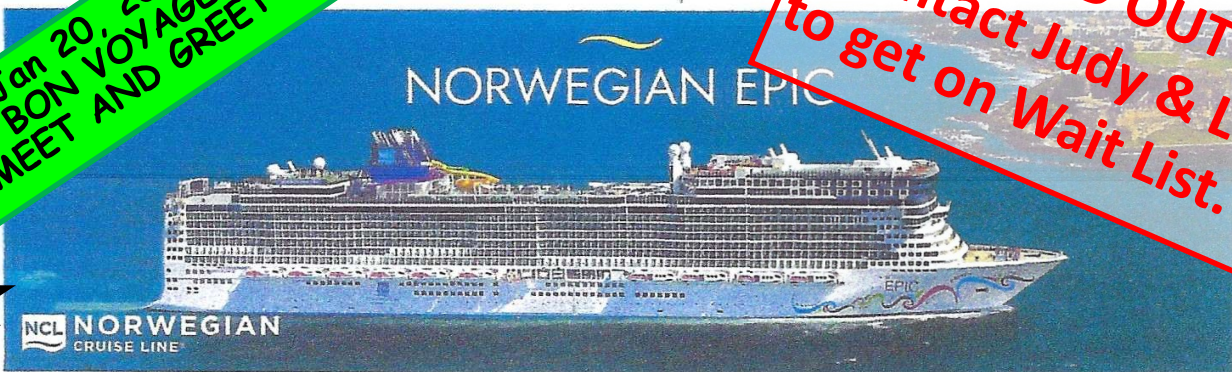


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**Jan 20, 2025
BON VOYAGE
"MEET AND GREET"**

February 15-22

**SOLD OUT -
Contact Judy & Larry
to get on Wait List.**

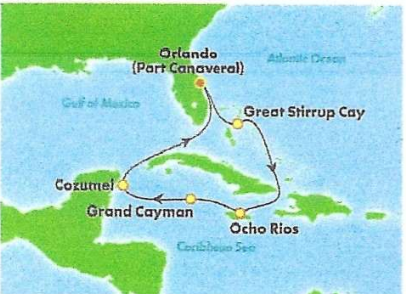


THE VILLAGES PARROT HEAD CLUB 2025 SOUTHERN MIGRATION

Norwegian Epic® is sure to dazzle with her contemporary design, world-class performances and endless onboard activities. Cruisers of all ages can enjoy everything from an Aqua Park to a towering Climbing Wall. Take a break from all the action at Mandara Spa® and enjoy the Thermal Suite – designed for ultimate relaxation. Speaking of grown-ups, Posh Beach Club and Spice H2O are adult-only venues that provide for an oasis during the day and a party at night. Multiple dining destinations ensure a happy palette at mealtime, while drinks can be enjoyed at unique bars like Ice Bar, Shaker's Martini & Champagne Bar and Maltings Beer & Whiskey Bar. No matter what type of cruise you desire or what group you're with, prepare for an Epic vacation.

\$100 OBC PER CABIN, DRINK PACKAGE (not including gratuities), 2 SPECIALTY DINING MEALS PER CABIN, \$50 SHORE EXCURSION CREDIT PER CABIN, 150 MINUTE WIFI PER PERSON

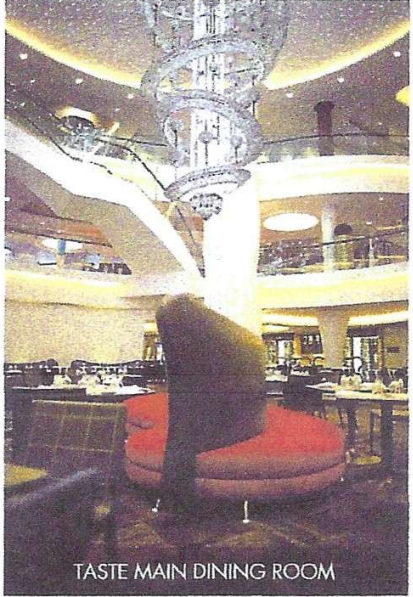
7-DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN FROM ORLANDO (PORT CANAVERAL)
FEB 15, 2025 to FEB 22, 2025



DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sat	Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida	-	5:30 PM
Sun	Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Mon	Relaxing day at sea	-	-
Tue	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Wed	George Town, Grand Cayman	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Thu	Cozumel, Mexico	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
Fri	Relaxing day at sea	-	-
Sat	Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida	7:00 AM	-



EPIC BLISS LOUNGE

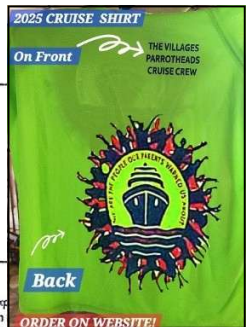


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2/15 & 22/2025 NCL Cruise Bus Trip

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From: Mitzi Daggett <sdmd4347@yahoo.com>
To: Stephen Daggett <swdag43@yahoo.com>; Judy Turner <jturner2833@yahoo.com>; Lawrence Turner <waterrescue12002@yahoo.com>; Mitzi Daggett <sdmd4347@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:13:53 AM EDT
Subject: Parrot Head Cruise - Bus Arrangements - Feb 2025

Dear Fellow Cruisers,

This is **Steve & Mitzi Daggett**, your bus coordinators for our upcoming cruise aboard the **NCL EPIC in February 2025**.

You are receiving this email because you have indicated you are wanting to take the bus to **PORT CANAVERAL**.

We have finalized our bus count and list based on your responses and the number of occupants; we have cancelled one bus but still have three (3) busses reserved from **Lamers Transportation**. Thank you for your responses and now it's time to secure them with payment.

The following is some important information for you:

Please print and keep the email for safe keeping and future reference

Feb 15 --Bus, PICK UP AND ASSIGNMENT FOR DEPARTURE to PORT CANAVERAL:

1. Busses will leave for Port Canaveral from the **WALMART** store located on **466**. Busses will be near the garden center.
2. Busses will leave promptly at 9:30 on Feb.15 and return to same location.
3. You will be assigned a bus number and boarding order per bus once all payments are received.
4. Busses will be numbered 1-2-3. this will also be your bus for your return home on Feb 22.
5. Should you wish to be boarded with friends please indicate who is in your travel party when you make your payment.
6. Snacks and beverages are allowed on the bus in a secure container (with lids). No glass is allowed

PARKING:

1. Parking is **strictly at your own risk should you leave your car in the Walmart parking lot**. It is highly suggested you find a friend, neighbor, taxi or uber for drop off and pick up.

LUGGAGE:

1. All luggage you will **NOT** need until you are actually on board the ship will be stored in the undercarriage of the bus compartment, and you will not have access to it again until you are in your stateroom.
2. Your carryon goes on the bus with you, and you will carry it off.
3. **It is important** to place all important items in your carry on ie: Medications, jewelry, and necessary paperwork.
- 4 Be sure all luggage is tagged and double stapled.

COST AND PAYMENT:

1. Your cost has been determined to be **\$65 per person round trip**. Your total cost includes tips for drivers to and from Port Canaveral. Tips for the porters are also included in the cost. The Porters will unload your luggage when we arrive.
2. You will get off the bus once the porters have begun to unload. You will take only your carryon luggage with you.
3. Payments are due no later than Dec, 1 and are **NON REFUNDABLE**.
- 4 **CASH OR CHECK ONLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.**
5. We will be at all phlockings in November to accept your payment.
6. If you wish to mail your payment, please make your check out and mail to the following:

Steve Daggett
17852 SE 85th Causton Court
The Villages, FL 32162

for any questions you can call
Steve 207-240-3759
Mitzi 352-446-5757

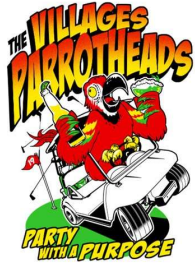
DEBARKATION DAY: Feb 22

1. Busses will depart Port Canaveral early morning for return to The Villages.
2. Please gather all your luggage and proceed to the bus area. Please be sure to **recheck the tags to be sure you have the correct luggage**.
3. You will be notified the bus time and location while on board prior to the end of the cruise once we receive that information from Lamers. More information regarding debarkation will follow.

Thank you, looking forward to meeting you all as the countdown begins!!!!

 Mitzi Daggett
Steve Daggett

March 22



**THE VILLAGES PARROT HEAD CLUB
ANNUAL POKER RUN FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, March 22, 2025
(Rain Date - Sunday March 23, 2025)



POKER RUN 10am-1pm
Start at any Station
Burnsed Gazebo
Colony Cottage Gazebo
Sea Breeze Gazebo
Lake Miona Gazebo
Laurel Manor Gazebo

\$5 Poker Hand
No Purchase
Limit

\$10 Wild Cards
Available at first
Stop - Limit 1 per hand

AFTER PARTY 1-5pm
LAUREL MANOR GAZEBO
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THE TROP ROCK JUNKIES
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Eileen Murray at (347) 680-0977

Chair - Kathi Purdy (352) 792-4024
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April 24-26



Club

Rendezvous 2025
April 24th - 26th, 2025
Panama City Beach !!

It's time!

Rendezvous 2025 Registration is open!

For those of you who don't know about Rendezvous, it is a 3 day event on Panama City beach where they bring in bands all day and evening. It is usually the highlight of the year.

Last year over 100 Villages PHC members attended, and we had 11 tents on the beach. We were well represented and hopefully we will be again in 2025.

There is a limited amount of tickets available

NOTE: I know nothing about tent sites yet and won't know for a while. Hopefully we will get as many as last year but I don't know and can't guess.

IMPORTANT: ***If you register, you will be expected to chip in for the tent sites.*** They range from \$75-\$200 each and that is a big way they raise money for their charity. Usually, we chip in \$20 each to cover the costs. We bring club tents.

If you register, you will need to email me at MarktheSharkdj@gmail.com and let me know you have registered. I will need EACH name, phone number and email address.

Click on the link below for more info about places to stay etc.
Here is the email from Panama City PHC:

We are excited to announce that ticket prices for our exhilarating 3-day event are set at just \$130 (same as last year!), offering an incredible value for the unforgettable experiences that await you!

You can soak up the vibrant atmosphere filled with music **ON THE BEACH** throughout the **ENTIRE 3 days event**.

Every dollar raised supports our 2025 Rendezvous Charity, The ARC, making your participation not only fun but impactful. Whether you're a Parrot Head or just curious about the tropical vibes, everyone is welcome! Imagine sipping on boat drinks, enjoying the changes in latitudes, and soaking in the Margaritaville state of mind with your fellow fans.

We're confident that once you experience the camaraderie, live music, and the joy of this island escapism, you'll be tempted to become a part of our vibrant community. Tickets are ON SALE NOW, so don't be the last pirate to join the party!

Secure yours today and be part of something truly special.

Don't miss out on this opportunity—secure your tickets and get ready for an unforgettable experience!

<https://panamacityparrotheadclub.ticketspice.com/2025-pcphc-rendezvous>



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Trivia Answer:
c) "Fifty knots or thereabouts"

