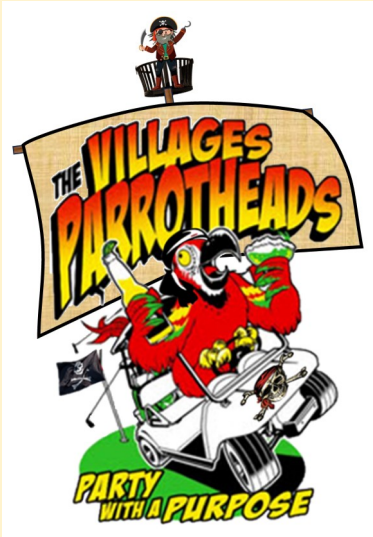




**March 2024 Year of the Pirate Edited by Stephen Larson**



# President's Corner



February was a great month for our club. We started it off by winning the “People’s Choice” award at the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off for the 11 th time in a row. We also took the trophy for the best booth. We had a Pirate Ship on the street at Lake Sumter landing Square. What an accomplishment. Hat’s off to Gary Steinback, Bob Veurink, Dale Ross, Ken McCreary, and Rodell Babasa and all who helped you, too many to name, for all your hard work. It was well worth it. And thanks to the over 200 volunteers who helped our club do this. Only one way to top this one – Do it all again next year!

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63 New members this month alone. 310 people at Cane Garden CC, almost 200 at Havana CC, and 256 at Belle Glade CC for our phlockings. I see you are really getting into the Parrothead spirit and are coming out and I love it. I remind you that seating and parking are limited this time of year so get there early and bring chairs.

Thanks to Bob Williams and company for organizing our “slightly used” clothing drive for veterans all month. We collected more than 276 bags of clothing. Thanks to you all.

March is our 20th Anniversary party – a “Pirate’s Ball” and those of us who were lucky enough to get tickets are really looking forward to it. Ann Blanchard said “It’s gonna be a “HOOT”” and I am sure with those wheels running around in her head, that it is going to be.

As plans for our annual Poker Run and basket Raffle on April 6th are well under way, there is a need for donations of baskets, and items for the baskets. Just bring your donations to the phlockings this month and give them to Eileen. She is also selling tickets for this so beat the crowds on the day of and get your tickets at a phlocking.

There is so much going on with this club so continue to watch your emails, check our facebook page and read your newsletter. You don’t want to miss out on anything we do !! C U real soon Parrot heads – Until then, keep your Phins Up \_\_^\_\_



## Wednesday, March 6th Phlocking

The first Phlocking of March will be at the Cane Garden Country Club at 3:30 and going until 6 PM. Phins UP Shop is pick up only. Dan Flok will provide the music. Bring a chair or arrive early because this will be a well attended. ***We will be***



***collecting food for a Food Pantry. Please be generous to the people who live around the Villages and need help.***

## Wednesday March 13th Phlocking

The fun keeps rolling at the second March Phlocking on Wednesday March 13th at the Havana Country Club. The party starts at 1PM and goes until 3:30. The ever popular Don Middlebrook is back in town. A true Trop Rocker, Don will play lots of Buffett and also his own songs. Don't miss seeing him again.



## Sunday, March 24th Phlocking

The last Phlocking for March is at the Belle Glade Country Club. The Phins UP Shop is open. Mark The Shark is flying back from Atlantic City where he was the DJ



at the Boogie Nights Dance Club on the Boardwalk for their Saturday Night Fever Extravaganza. He will get our dance floor filled too. Don't miss out on a great party!!

## 20th Anniversary Party

Our Club is 20-years old. The Party is March 1st at the Hacienda Recreation Center. There were only 300 tickets available and if you were lucky enough to score one, you are in for a treat. We welcome back the Caribbean Chillers now regarded as one of the best Buffett Tribute Bands in the Land.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

It's another opportunity to show our friends and neighbors what being a Parrot Head is so much fun. On Sunday March 17th at the Spanish Springs Towne Square there will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade. This one is always the largest and best attended. You can sign up with Mr. Al at any Phlocking and the put on your best Irish outfit and join you fellow members walk the circuit.

Check in starts at 1:30 PM at Spanish Sprins in the parking lot behind the old Rialto Movie theatre. Group picture at 2:30 and the parade starts st 3 PM. All the golf cart slots are taken but we will bend the rules and have as many walkers as we can get. Anyone who wants to be a walker should contact Mr. Al at [alphie1013@me.com](mailto:alphie1013@me.com). Each person will get 1 Parrot Point for participating. We will be handing out Shamrock Leis, Beads and Necklaces. Plan to join the fun and show our neighbors that Parrot Heads know how to Party with a Purpose.





# Club News

## Panama City Beach Rendezvous 2024

This party will be the biggest and best yet. There will be some familiar faces, some local faces, and some Rendezvous virgins in the music lineup.

The Rendezvous preparty is on Wednesday, April 17th & 18th and the beach concert starts on Friday and goes until late Saturday night (April 21). You can bring your own coolers and beach chairs and park yourself under one of the Club's tents and listen to one of the world's best TropRock concerts. Renee Adams, who is one of our Club's members will be the emcee --how about THAT!

There are 99 members signed up to attend this year. Most people stay at the condos directly across the street from Sharky's at the Origins at Seahaven <https://originatseahaven.com>. If you want to attend, don't put this one off. It will sell out early. All the great events do.

More information at [panamacityphc.org/rendezvous](http://panamacityphc.org/rendezvous)

## Homosassa Bash 2024

We're doing it again because we had so much fun last time. We're taking over the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort on May 2, 3 and 4th to throw a fantastic Parrot Head Party. This years themes is "Growing Older but Not Up!!" and "Dress Like the Old Days" which means hoop skirts, pink ladies jackets, white T-shirts and jeans.

The music line up is Robert France on May 2nd, 6 pm to 9. Friday May 3rd is Dany B from 12:30 to 3:30 pm and Rocky & Michelle from 6:30 to 9:30. On Saturday the 4th Billy D. Williams (Black Country) and we will end the party with Mike & Terrie from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

There may be some rooms still available . Call the resort to reserve at (352) 628 2474. If there are no more rooms, ask to be put on the waiting list.



Flyer on Page 22.

## Poker Run / Basket Raffle

The Club's Annual Poker Run is on Saturday, April 6th, 2024. Here are a few reasons for you to participate.

1. Our Poker Run is our largest fund raiser for local charities each year for over the past 10 years. This is where the Club gets the funds which we donate to help kids that live in the Ocala Forrest, Local Food banks, Veterans helping Veterans, and many more local charities who help those who may be a little less fortunate than we are.

2. Last year we raised just over \$21,000. This where the donations come from when we give out the big checks at our phlockings.

3. This is a Phun day that our members, phamily, phriends, and neighbors can all participate in so let everyone know. And we need your participation. We moved it back a few days so not to interfere with St. Patrick's day.

4. There are 2 portions of our poker run, 1st the Poker run itself: It only cost \$5 per hand to enter. You can purchase as many hands as you like. You can start at any of the locations: Colony Cottage Rec center, Seabreeze Rec center, Havana CC, and/or Palmers CC. We finish at Laurel Manor Rec Center with a Basket raffle/festival. You can also buy a wild card for \$10 at your starting point. Get a card at each station or get all at Laurel Manor.

5. In the Basket Raffle/festival portion, we all get together at the gazebo at Laurel Manor Rec center in a picnic type atmosphere. Bring your chairs, coolers, refreshments, etc.. Our tents will be set up and there will be a basket raffle. There are 2 types of tickets. 6 tickets for \$5 for baskets valued up to \$250, and \$5 a ticket for baskets valued over \$250. You can put your tickets in the appropriate basket for a chance to win some neat stuff.

6. You can purchase tickets for the poker run and/or the basket raffle early at any phlocking.

7. *And did I mention that the "Hollywood Knights" will be playing for us from 1pm-5pm that day? Wow – what a phun day and all to help others.*

*Flyer on Page 20.*

**This is a great way to interact and meet members of our club and have a great time.**



# Club News

## Club Cruise 2025

We are going on another fantastic Parrot Head Cruise next year. From February 15 to February 22, you will sail to exotic ports and have plenty of exotic food and drink. The ship is the Norwegian Epic which will sail out of Port Canaveral to Great Stirrup Cay, Ocho Rios, Cayman Islands Cozumel and have two days at sea.

Judy and Larry Turner are putting this cruise together. You can contact Judy at 352 308 7645 and leave a message. YOU WILL NEED TO BE PATIENT. Once they know you're interested, Larry Turner will call you with cabin information. They will also be at the Phlockings at a table to answer your questions. It will be an excellent Parrot Head Adventure! More information is on the Home Page of our Web Site.



## March Travel Survey

In March the Travel Committee is going to conduct a survey at each Phlocking to better understand what types of travel the members are interested in. Central Florida is filled with attractions that lend themselves to day trips. The survey covers destinations (Beaches, Dinner theaters, Shows Shopping, Tours Festivals Sports, etc.), trip time limits and what people are willing to spend. We know that the demand for quality travel is there. Many travel events sell out in a matter of hours. We look forward to getting a better understanding of what trips you would like to take.

## The Landsharks Are Coming Back!!

If you missed their last show, you missed one of the best concerts we've ever had in The Villages. You will get another chance on Monday, April 22nd. They are coming back for two shows at the Savannah Center at 4 PM and 7 PM. Tickets will go on sale this week. Most of your friends will tailgate before the concert, select the 7 PM show, buy tickets as close to the band as possible and come wearing pirate gear. Don't miss out on the fun!!



## Travel Committee

The next meeting will be from 1 to 3 PM at the Churchill Downs Recreation Center (2375 Churchill Downs), on Thursday, March 14th. You need to be a Village resident to attend. We need you to help plan our great trips for the rest of 2023 and then start work on trips for 2024. You will also earn some Parrot Points for just attending the meeting.

## Message From Tiki Dave

Aloha Y'All! I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for showing me such a great time when I was with you on Wednesday! You are all the epitome of what it is to "Party With A Purpose" and I look forward to the next time I can play for you! Until then, Fins Up! Tiki Dave





## Another Daytona Beach Weekend!

YES!- The Aku Tik Best Western has been completely renovated after the hurricane that passed through in 2022.

We have reserved the weekend of **Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, September 26th, 27th, & 28th**, with a Sunday Funday on the 29th.

Music is being worked on but we have already booked the Trop Rock Junkies and more.

Free drink Happy Hour 4pm-5pm each day!

Tiki Bar, Olympic pool, right on the Beach !!



Room rates are from \$119 through \$169 a night and **you can only get these rates by contacting "Charles" at the front desk at 386-252-9631.**

Do not use the Best Western 800 number or book online - You will NOT get these rates.

Rates are good for a few days before and after our weekend !!

When you call, ask for "Charles". He may be overwhelmed so if he says he will call you back, he will. Please be patient !!

You will NOT be able to request a specific room number. The types of rooms are: Ocean front, Ocean view(pool side), and city view(parking lot side). There are 5 floors. Some have queen beds and some king. There are some with a kitchenette and a few handicapped accessible.

You will need a wristband to attend. Wristbands will pay for the bands and you MUST purchase a wristband. Prices will be determined when we finalize the entertainment.

You will need to book a room by May 31st so there is plenty of time. On June 1st we will open it up to other clubs if we are not sold out. There are 132 rooms so there should be no problems.

Lots more info to follow so stay tuned !!

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## April Luau

We had so much fun at our Gasparilla Day golf cart parade and festival that many members have asked us to do another one before many members head north for the summer.

As it will soon be too warm to wear our Pirate costumes so we wanted to do something similar but different. So we have decided to once again celebrate the life and songs of Jimmy Buffett with an April Luau!

It will be two months from today on Friday, April 26th, 2024. So there is plenty of time to get ideas to: Decorate your golf carts - Parrot Head and Luau style. Get out your grass skirts, coconut bras, crazy hawaiian shirts, leis, crazy hats, etc. It will be like a tailgate party and luau all in one !!

For those who wish to decorate your carts and participate in the parade, we are going to do it a little different. We will all meet at the Eisenhower rec center lot and then parade to Brownwood Square. The direct route is to be determined yet. Then we will cause havoc and mayhem while driving around the square before we park and wander around the square to our phavorite establishments. Time and more details to phollow !! So mark your calendars and plan to join us !!



# Charity News

## February Food Drive

The Club donated \$924 of food and cash in February to the Lady Lake Food Pantry. WOW!

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## March Food Drive

The food collection for March will be at the Cain Garden Phlocking and will go to the Lake Pan Food Pantry

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## 2024 February Clothing Drive

We just had a very successful clothing drive. Members donated 276 bags of clothes which we estimate is worth over \$55,000 dollars (\$200 a bag). Our donation will go a long way in helping Combat Veterans to Careers provide the needed resources needed to the veterans they serve. A team drink is in order for Bob Williams for taking the lead on this event.

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## March 8 and 9 Blood Drive

Our second Blood Drive of the year will take place on March 8 & 9 at Station 44, as usual. Donating blood is an act of kindness to people you don't know. It's the ultimate act of passing it forward.. To participate, see the flyer on Page 18. You can sign up at a Phlocking with Skip, contact him directly or just show up. Please put it on your calendar and become part of the solution.



## March Children's Underwear Drive

Friends of SoZo Kids have put out a public request for donations of underwear for children 5 thru 18 that live in the Ocala National Forest. There are an estimated 45,000 people who live in forest and many of them are children. The goal of the Friends of SoZo Kids which is a 501 C.3 charity, is to provide clothing, funds, food and help to the kids that are growing up there. The Charity Committee has decided to help and will be collecting new children's underwear for ages 5 thru 18 and bras and sports bras at the March Plockings. The kids who live there didn't get there by bad decisions. They got there by bad luck and anything you can do to help make their lives a little bit better is appreciated. Flyer on page 17

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## Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers)

Gary Kadow, Executive Director of Project SOS is shown receiving the Big Check for \$2,000 at the Belle Glade Country Club Phlocking. Project SOS provides support and assistance to disabled and homeless veterans and their families. This charity is a life line for people living on the edge in the Ocala National Forrest. They also have an active scholarship program for the children to help break the cycle of generational poverty.





# Membership

## New Members

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| Cheri Barlow      | Wanda Kendall      |
| Jo Beach          | Steve Kitcoff      |
| Richard Beach     | Terri Kitcoff      |
| Curt Bender       | Dee Kuwalik        |
| Susanne Bender    | Len Kuwalik        |
| John Bennett      | Jeff Lang          |
| Jorge Betancur    | Sandy Lang         |
| Vicky Betancur    | Jacque Magnusen    |
| Doug Bingenheimer | Steve Magnusen     |
| Marcia Bolenbaugh | Richard McNealy    |
| Sheila Bournival  | Mark Miller        |
| Sally Button      | Christian Nielsen  |
| Donna Cameron     | Sally Nielsen      |
| Steve Cameron     | Dave Parsons       |
| Lauren Cattel     | John Patton        |
| David Clements    | Lynne Patton       |
| Lana Datri        | Cathy Rozmiarek    |
| Marion De Luca    | Jeannie Schaeffer  |
| Philip Goldst     | Bill Schiber       |
| Joseph Gorski     | Debbie Schiber     |
| Tamara Gorski     | Edward Schutte     |
| Joyce Graham      | Mary Schutte       |
| Bill Gross        | Ann Marie Sheehan  |
| Gail Gross        | Michael Sheehan    |
| Micael Doc Harris | Kevin Shendok      |
| Rosemary Hennessy | Suzanne Snyder     |
| Tom Hennessy      | Denise Vinci       |
| Donald Jones      | Michael Vinci      |
| Valerie Kelly     | Debbi Wembacher    |
| Michael Kem       | Barbaraa Wilkinson |
| Rick Kendal       | Kristine Wojtowicz |

## Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who has an illness, injury or surgery or someone who is suffering the loss of a spouse or child, please notify Patty Petretti, Chairperson of the Club's Sunshine Committee at [patamus1747@gmail.com](mailto:patamus1747@gmail.com)

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## Member Advocate

Jack Maiz is the Club's Member Advocate. Jack is available to any member who has an issue with the Board, the Club or another member. His job is to find a resolution while insuring member confidentiality. Jack's email is [jmaiz@aol.com](mailto:jmaiz@aol.com).

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## Club Historian

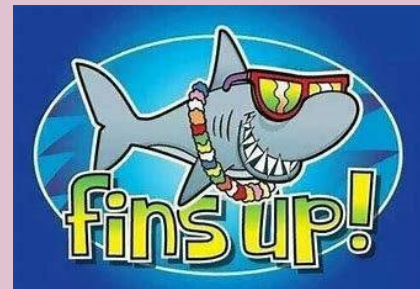
Did you know that we have a Club Historian? We do! Her name is Jean Howlett and she has been collecting Parrot Head articles, pictures and memorabilia for nearly a decade. For our newer members, it's a history of our Club's growth. For the members who have been with the Club for a longer time, it's a stroll down memory lane with many of our friends who are no longer with us. Her books are available at some of our phlockings and special occasions. If you're interested in looking at our Club's past, contact Jean at 352 571 4689 or email her at [a1944jean@gmail.com](mailto:a1944jean@gmail.com)

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## New Members Orientation Meeting

The next New Member Orientation Meeting will be held at 10 AM at the Bonifay Country Club. It is an opportunity for new members to learn about where the Club has been, and where it's headed. There are lots of reasons to be optimistic about the Phun events coming in 2024 and the ways we improve the lives of those in need who live around us. See you there!

# Welcome





## Help Wanted

We are a club run by people who volunteer. We need people to step up and help. Listed below are the positions available:

**Attendance:** Volunteers are needed for Phlockings at Palmer, Havana and Belle Glade. Contact Jaci Burdash at [jl2500@gmail.com](mailto:jl2500@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**50/50:** Volunteers needed at all Phlockings. Contact Debra Warren at [Warrendeborah7@gmail.com](mailto:Warrendeborah7@gmail.com) if you can help selling 50/50 tickets.

**Membership Table:** Volunteers needed to staff the Membership Table at 1 Phlocking each month. Contact Johnny Ward at [johnnyward300@yahoo.com](mailto:johnnyward300@yahoo.com).

**Assistant Newsletter Editor:** If you can write creatively and have Microsoft Publisher, you can help put this award winning newsletter out each month. Please contact Steve Larson at [sklarson01@gmail.com](mailto:sklarson01@gmail.com)

**Trip Managers:** Each day trip the Club makes requires someone to make sure the people who purchased tickets get on the bus before we leave and back on the bus before we come back home. In return, you get to sit in the front of the bus and make a bunch of new friends. Go to a Travel Committee meeting (see page 4) and get involved. You will be glad you did!

**Security:** The Club has a small group of members who are available to assist members, maintain order and watch the cash and merchandise at our events. We have an opening for another person. If you are interested, please contact David Walls at [dmwalls2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dmwalls2001@yahoo.com)

**Himalayan Golf.** Score keepers needed on April 2 for the putting contest. Contact Carol O'Neal (352) 205 3770

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## Corporate Sponsor Club Discounts

One of our Corporate Sponsors are now giving a discounts to Club members. **Lake Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC** is giving a 10% discount, Contact information on Page 12.

## February Drink of the Month

Gypsy decided to use her Irish roots to come up with our March drink. It's an Irish Flag Shot. A tasty work of art.



1/2 Shot Green Crème de Menthe

1/2 Shot Irish Cream

1/2 shot Grand Marnier

Pour the shots carefully in the right order and you get a layered Irish Flag. Enjoy



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## Welcome John and Lynne Patton

After living in their RV for the last 3.5 years, John and Lynne Patton decided to move to the Villages in January and join the Parrot Heads. Lynne retired from Southwest Airlines and John owns his own company and isn't fully retired yet. They joined our Club to meet people and they agree that Margaritaville is their favorite Jimmy Buffett song. John admitted that Lynne likes to sing "stopped on a pop tart". When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them to our club.





# Membership

## From our Web Master

Most of what I do is facilitate communications with our club members.

Communications, in the Parrot Head Club is kind of like a three-legged stool,

(a) Mark sends out ParrotHead News emails to keep everyone current, and reviews upcoming events at phlockings, (b)

flyers and information links are posted on the Parrot Heads Club webpages, and (c) the Parrot Heads Facebook pages serves as a discussion forum, with pictures and other information.

The Facebook pages have a lot of information and are monitored to ensure postings are in line with established guidelines (show respect, etc).

With regard to the Parrothead News emails, we have about 1,200 members and the numbers keep climbing. Of the 1,200 members, a bunch have duplicate email addresses (mostly spouses), and roughly 50 or so are unsubscribed or marked as spam. That leaves roughly 1,050 unique email addresses for distribution of Mark's Parrot Head News emails, or roughly 90% of our membership. There has been a lot of efforts in February welcoming over 100 new members and making sure everything goes smoothly. Looking forward, March and April appear to be busy months with the Anniversary Party, Poker Run, Blood Drive, Land Sharks Concert, Homosassa, St Patrick's Day Parade and Luau, and a lot more. Plus, you can count on the travel committee to come up with a lot of good ideas. It might seem chaotic at first, but we have good processes in place and everything goes relatively smoothly. We'll be sure to stay on top of the web pages, to keep you current on the phun activities being planned.

We continue to strive to keep everyone informed with a changing landscape, so you can have phun and enjoy this amazing organization.



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## Volunteer Positions Outside the Club

**Approved Clubs:** Parrot Points are given to members who volunteer at approved charities. To be an "approved charity" the

organization must be a not-for-profit registered with the State of Florida and be willing to track the hours worked each month and report them back to our club. Following are the charities that are approved at this time:

**Wildwood Soup Kitchen:** If you're interested in helping feed people, go to [wildwoodsoupkitchen.org](http://wildwoodsoupkitchen.org) and fill out an application and put on the form that you are a Parrot Head for more information contact: Barbara McManus: (352) 299 6494 and/or

Email: [barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com)

**The Villages Regional Hospital:** Contact Gloria Counselman (352) 751-8176 or email her at [tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org](mailto:tvrhvpo@centflhealth.org)

**Cornerstone Hospice:** If you are interested email Heidi Gamet at [hgaumet@cshospice.org](mailto:hgaumet@cshospice.org).

**Operation Homebound:** This is the Meals on Wheels program for The Villages and surrounding areas. For more information, please call 352-689-1023, or email [OHB@northlakepc.org](mailto:OHB@northlakepc.org).

**Best Buddies International:** This charity is dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of people with disabilities, such as Downs syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury. If interested email [centralflorida@bestbuddies.org](mailto:centralflorida@bestbuddies.org) or call (407) 898 0787

**Shepard's Lighthouse:** This charity helps homeless women, mothers and their children get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter and training. They have positions on their Board of Directors open. If you are interested please contact Kathie Niesem (847)-641 3287 or email at [katcarl@prodigy.net](mailto:katcarl@prodigy.net) for more information.

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## Barb's Trivia Question:

What less than complimentary phrase does Jimmy use on the liner notes of *A1 A* to describe Miami? A) Octogenarian magnet, B) Geriatric County, C) Wrinkle City, or D) Geezer Beach



# Coco-Nutz



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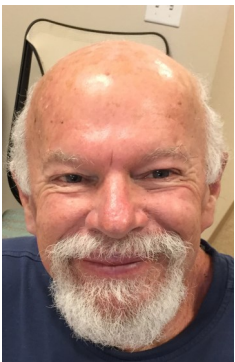
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# Appointed Positions



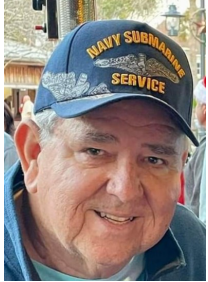
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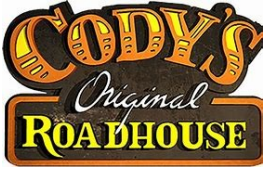


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# Please support our Corporate Sponsors



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.....You'll just go home happy!



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.



When we decided to hold a Sunday Phlockings each month, Belle Glade invited us to use their space and we gladly accepted. They invite you to come in they promise to serve up what it takes to make you happy.



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](http://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 isn't one of them. Call for an appointment at (352) 787 5202 or visit

# Please Support Our Corporate Sponsors



At Securennet Financial, we understand the need for a personalized approach. We work with you to create a retirement strategy that fits your unique retirement needs - a strategy designed to help you reach your goals. Steve Schneider, the owner and CEO, along with many employees are full-time residents of The Villages and several are members of The Villages Parrot Heads Club. We work where we live and are proud to have many friends as clients. Feel free to contact us, to answer any questions regarding retirement, financial or tax needs.



Diane Smallwood is a Realtor with the Keller Williams Cornerstone Agency capable and ready to help you buy or sell a home. She is also one of the Club's favorite entertainers in Retro Express and Caribbean Chillers. Diane can be reached at (352) 787-4325 or emailed at [DianeSmallwood@kw.com](mailto:DianeSmallwood@kw.com). Her website is [www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com](http://www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com)



StreetRod 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 StreetRod experience is with a test drive driving is believing. Call [\(352\) 751-3953](tel:(352)751-3953) to get a test drive and see the difference between your cart and a Streetrod



The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We appreciate the space and the support.

**AHOY MATES - YOU ARE INVITED TO  
A PIRATE LOOKS AT 20**

**Friday March 1, 2024**

**La Hacienda Rec Center**

**Door open at 5 PM**

**Pieces of 8 (ticket) \$35.00 per person**



**Special Guest:**

**PIRATES ON BOARD**

**"What you going to do with a  
Drunken Sailor"**

**Music By:**

**CARIBBEAN CHILLERS BEST  
TRIBUTE BAND IN THE LAND**

**GALLEY (HARDTACK) 5:30 PM**

**COMPLETE MEAL: Catered by Cracker Barrel  
BYOB**

**Shanty Dance: 6:30 PM**

**Sail off: 9:30 PM**

For Additional Information Contact:  
Chair: Ann Blanchard 352-750-6287  
Assistant Chair: Lee Caron 813-480-0833

Tickets go on sale Jan 1, 2024

**No Refunds.** Visit  
[www.villagesparrotheads.com](http://www.villagesparrotheads.com)  
to purchase your tickets and  
20th year anniversary tee-  
shirts. Under "Quick Links" go  
to "Purchase Event Tickets"







# Friends of SoZo Kids



Caption

We will be collecting **underwear, socks & shoes** (sizes 5-18 years old) for kids living in the Ocala Nat'l Forest at the 3 March phlockings.



Caption

Marilyn Williamson Chairperson  
352-801-1028  
Maureen Brown Asst. Chairperson  
401-662-6314



# Blood Drive

January 6 & 7

Fire Station 44, 3035 Morris Ave  
The Villages FL 32163



## 2024 Blood Drive Dates

✓ January 6 & 7

March 9 & 10

May 10 & 11

July 6

September 11 & 12

November 10 & 11



Contact Skip Todd at [skip0358@gmail.com](mailto:skip0358@gmail.com) to register



*Each blood donation is enough to save 3 lives!*



**Sorry but this event  
is sold out.**

## ***2024 Himalayan Golf Putting Contest***

**Where:** Himalayan Putting Green at Palmer's CC

**When:** Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 - Starts at 2pm

Tickets go on sale Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024-12 noon

Volunteers Please Arrive at 1:30pm

**Cost:** \$5 per member  (Members only – online only)

**What is it:** 18 Hole Putting Contest - 2 person teams Alternating shots

**What to bring:** Putter, Golf Balls, Drinks, Chairs

***Cash prizes awarded at the end***

Carts are allowed at the putting greens. I

## **Volunteers are needed!**

Contact Carol O'Neal with any questions

(352)751-0035  (352)205-3770





**The Villages Parrot Heads  
2024 Annual  
Poker Run & Basket Raffle  
April 6, 2024**



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Begin at Any Station\*  
Stations Open from  
10 am - Noon**

**\$5 each for  
Tickets & Scorecards  
\$10 each for Wild Cards  
Purchase at First Station  
Additional Tickets & Cards  
@ Laurel Manor**

**Basket Raffle  
Viewing 11 am - 2 pm  
Winners Announced  
Starting at 3 pm**

**Gates at  
Laurel Manor  
Open at 11 am  
Volunteers Only Before**

**Music by  
Hollywood Knights  
1 pm - 5 pm  
BYOE!**

**ALL SALES  
FINAL**

**\$5 Deal!**

**HOTDOG, CHIPS & WATER  
Noon - 3 pm**



**\*STATIONS 10am - Noon  
Colony Rec Center  
Havana Country Club  
Sea Breeze Rec Center  
Cane Garden Country Club  
Finish at Laurel Manor**

**TO DONATE BASKETS OR ITEMS  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Eileen Murray (347) 680-0977 or  
Dave Erskine (352) 634-4256**

**Chair - Kathi Purdy (352) 792-4024  
Asst. Chairs - Linda Fuller (352) 268-2633  
Sue Kermis (585) 576-7622**



## *Parrot Head New Member Orientation*



**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Bonifay Country Club (on the patio)  
1033 Pinellas Pl, The Villages, FL 32163**

### **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**



**Bonifay**  
Country Club

**EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GROWING OLDER, WE ARE NEVER GOING TO GROW UP -**

So we are going to have fun in HOMOSASSA Again! -

Come gather with Phriends for the weekend in Homosassa Springs.

Weekend filled with lots of activities, including music, games, potluck, costume party and parade.



**Wristbands \$40.00 per person  
(No refunds)**

Wristbands are required for all activities, entertainment, games and dinner.

If you come for just the day wristband are still required.

**BYOB and BYOChairs**

You can bring your own tent, but it must be grouped with the Parrot Head Tents.

**Parade on Saturday - Dress Olde but not up**

**ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

**Thursday - May 2nd: 6:30 -9:30  
Robert France**

**Friday: May 3rd 12:30 - 3:30 Danny  
B**

**Evening: 6:30 - 9:30 Rocky and  
Michelle**

**Food at 4 PM catered by BubbaQues**

**Saturday - May 4th: 12:30 - 3:30  
Billy D Williams, Black Country**

**Evening: 6:30 - 9:30. Mike & Terrie**

**Pool Games and Yard Games with  
\$20.00 gift card prizes**

**HOST HOTEL**

**Florida Cracker Riverfront Resort  
352-628-2474**

**ALTERNATE HOTEL**

**MacRae's  
352-628-2602**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

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