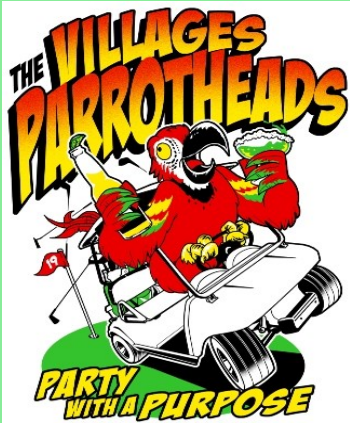


Coco-Nutz Telegraph

September 2023 Edition

Edited by Stephen Larson

President's Corner



In August, we had Parrot Head Club Leaders from throughout Florida come to the Villages to discuss ways to better all our clubs. They were amazed at the turnout and friendliness of our members. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for showing them who we are. It was a great weekend.

You all withstood the heat at our phlockings in August, and he also had our first get together south of 44 with a pop-up party at Sawgrass grove. It was good to see many members from the area who didn't have to travel that far. We are looking at other events and as soon as we find another place we could have more.

September starts our early bird renewals for club membership 2024. You can go to our website and renew (or join if you have not done so already) to continue the phun into and through 2024. We have lots of ideas and phun "going's on" for 2024 and you won't want to miss any of it.

September also brings our largest charity event, the "Rob Ainsley" memorial golf tournament for Alzheimer's. Last year we raised \$30,000 for Alzheimer's research, and with thanks to all of you and of course, our sponsors, StreetRod Golf Carts and Parady Financial, we look to top that this year. There will be lots going on that day with our tournament, live auction, and raffles. Watch your emails and our Facebook page for lots more info to come. There are many ways to participate, even if you are not golfing.

And don't forget our Blood drive on September 11th and 12th. We all know the importance of September 11th, and the need for blood is greater now more than ever, so please consider donating, if you are able to do so.

That's about I for now. We have lots going on. Always read your newsletters, and watch your emails and our Facebook page to find out what is happening with OUR club !!

Keep your Phins Up Parrot Heads, We will C U soon !! ☺ !!

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Club Events

Wednesday, September 6th Phlocking

This month gets off to a phun start at the Palmer CC. The party starts at 3:30 and goes until 6PM. The Phins Up shop is pick up only. The tunes will be provided by Rocky and Michelle.



Wednesday, September 13th Phlocking

Our 2nd Phlocking will be at the Havana Country Club from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Phins Up shop will be pickup only and since space is limited, golf cars are better than cars and you might want to bring a chair with you. The music will be provided by Nate Leslie.



Sunday September 24 Phlocking

The last Phlocking of August will be held at the Belle Glade Country Club from 3:30 to 6 PM. The Phins Up Shop is OPEN. Our entertainment will be provided by one of our favorite big bands: The Hollywood Knights are back!!



2023 Golf Scrambles

It was another hot, HOT day at the final Parrot Head Golf Scramble for this year. The match was played at Yankee Clipper. Congratulations goes out to the first-place team of John Fryc, Bill Rodseth, Fran and Dave Appelbaum with a score of 4-under par.

Sorry for not getting a picture of this awesome 4-some but with all the heat getting to our brains, we all forgot to take their picture.

On behalf of Kathy Wooldridge (my co-chair) and I, we want to thank everyone who came out this extraordinarily hot summer and played in the scrambles and hope you all made new friends along the way. See you at the Phlockings!
Lil Roe

2023 Golf Outing

The September 14th Golf Outing is Sold Out! If you are one of the lucky people to be playing, **plan to arrive before 12:30** at the Bonifay CC so that your golf cart can be staged for the shotgun start. Even if you are not golfing, you can participate.

There will be an "After Golf" party at the Bonifay CC with Jersey Frank.. There will be a live auction with lots of neat stuff, all valued at least over \$300 to bid on including Drivway parties by Tracy Zito, Bill D Williams, Alan & Scott Darcy, Tim Hargis, & Gilly & the Girl; seating for 8 at a dinner show with Johnny Wild; and many, more fabulous items.

Starting at the September phlockings, you can purchase raffle tickets for fabulous prizes and gift card packages, each valued at least \$50. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$5 each and **you DO NOT have to be present to win.** It's a great cause, a great golf tournament, a great reason for a party, lots of great raffle prizes and a live auction. Phun, phun, and more phun!



Club Events

Halloween Party

Mark your calendars! Thursday, October 19th in the big room at the La Hacienda we will hold our 2023 Halloween Party. It will be bigger and better than last year! We've got the Trop Rock Junkies playing. Watch for Mark's emails and next months Newsletter for details. Tickets will go on sale September 1st and you will need points to buy tickets in the first round. Flyer on page 18.



Meeting of the Minds, 2023

PHIP lost Conference Hotel in Key West and moved to Gulf Shores, Alabama for this year's MOTM (October 24 to 29). You can go to [Meeting of the Minds \(motm.rocks\)](http://motm.rocks) to view all the people and places for this event and to register.



Heritage Day Parade

This Year's Annual Heritage Day Parade at Spanish Springs Towne Square will be Friday, October 13th, 2023. You can sign up to walk in the parade (less than a mile) at any Phlocking starting in September. Al Townsend is our new parade chair and is excited about getting things started.

They only allow us 8 carts in the parade. That is the limit set by the Villages, not us. We usually pack the parade with walkers and we need you !! Who knows - maybe some special characters will be there with us also !!

If you are unable to join us in the parade, please mark your calendars and come out to cheer us on. We don't have all the details yet, but it usually starts around 3pm with staging around 1pm. Lots more info to follow !!

Travel Committee

The location and the time has changed for the Travel Committee. **The next meeting will be from 1 to 3 PM at the Churchill Downs Recreation Center (2375 Churchill Downs), on Thursday, September 12th.** You need to be a Village resident to attend. We need you to help plan our great trips for the rest of the year. You will also earn some Parrot Points for just attending the meeting. The reason we have the largest Parrot Head Club in the Universe is because we do things. This is the Committee that much of what we do is created. We need people to get involved.

Please Read

If have purchased tickets to an event that includes bus transportation and you are unable to go or you have given your tickets to someone else, you **MUST** call the event chair person and tell them. They are responsible for managing the trip and have a list of everyone's name who has bought tickets. If you don't show up, they can't leave on time because they will be waiting for you. Please be respectful of our volunteer managers and the other people on the bus.



Club Events

Disney Springs

On November 14th a bus will depart Walmart on 466 at 11 AM and take you to Disney Springs to spend the day. You should arrive back in the Villages by 9 PM. Cost is \$30 per person and there is no set itinerary. See the flyer on page 175.



Night Golf

We are going to play night golf again. So much fun! The date is November 16. The party starts at 5PM in the Saddlebrook parking lot (BYOB and food). The golf will start when it gets dark. Tickets are \$15 each and that includes a glow ball and light up necklaces. We have room for 80 golfers. Tickets will go on sale October 1st and they will go fast so mark your calendar. The Chairperson is Brenda Fryc (218) 591 9567. Flyer is on page 19.



Panama City Beach Rendezvous 2024

Rendezvous 2024 Registration is open! 2024 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, straight from Radio Margaritaville and one of our members, will be the emcee --how about THAT!

There were around 60 club members who made the trip last year. There will be more this year because it was such an outstanding event. 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



Charity News

August Food Drive

The members donated \$249 to the Lady Lake Food Pantry.

September Food Drive

The August Food Drive will be at the Palmer Country Club and donations will be delivered to the Fruitland Park Food Pantry.

Patriot Dog Fundraiser

On September 19th the Club is holding it's last Cody's Fundraiser of 2023. This one benefits the Patriot Dog Program which trains service dogs for veterans struggling with mobility, PTSD and MST. The dogs are trained by women incarcerated in Florida's largest women's prison (Lowell Correctional Facility).

The flyer (page 16) says the party starts at 4PM but we all know that it will actually start around 3. Parrot Heads are always early for Cody's 2 for 1. There will also be a small buffet for \$5, a 50/50 and the door prize for this event is the ever popular Beach Booze Wagon which will contain enough spirits to get you well into 2024. Tickets for the door prize will be sold at the Palmer and Havana Phocking (2 for \$5) and at the Cody's fundraiser (\$5 each). The door prize is contributed by our Corporate Sponsor Diane Smallwood, Realtor for Keller Williams, Cornerstone Realty.

Blood Drive

We have been informed that the Village Parrot Heads have overtaken Daytona Speedway and we now the LARGEST annual blood drive in the entire state of Florida!

Congratulations to Skip Todd and his crew, Frannie Durr and all the volunteers, and everyone who comes out to donate blood.

Be proud Parrot Heads, this is a major accomplishment and it could not have been done without you. It is because of YOU that we leave the world a little better than we found it each day. **A Team Drink To You All !!**

Our next blood drive is scheduled for September 11th & 12th at the firehouse on Moyer Loop and Morse Blvd. This is our September Eleventh blood drive and you all know the importance of this date. I bet everyone knows where they were when the towers fell.

Let's keep this momentum going and, if you can, please come out and donate.



Corporate Sponsor Club Discounts

Three of our Corporate Sponsors are now giving discounts to Club members. **Lake Sumter Dryer Vent Cleaning LLC** is giving a 10% discount, **FertiGator** is giving members \$25 off and our newest sponsor, **Pedego Electric Bikes** is giving a 10% discount on all Pedego accessories when you show them your Parrot Head lanyard.





Annual Giving Survey

During the month of September, the Charity Committee will be conducting the annual survey to determine which charities the membership want to support in 2024. At each phlocking the survey will be distributed and your votes counted. **See the Survey on pages 20 and 21.**

Once the survey is completed, the Charity Committee will develop the proposed 2024 Giving Plan and present it to the Coco- Nutz for approval. The plan will contain 1) proposed cash donation to specific charities, 2) the Cody's fundraisers and the charities that will receive the proceeds, and 3) and special drives that the club will sponsor such as clothing, shoes, Christmas presents, etc..

If you want to support a specific charity not-included in the survey and that charity meets our requirements (must be a non-profit registered with the State of Florida), you will be provided space on the survey to write the charity in.

Below is the Giving Plan approved for this year:

2023 Giving Plan

Cash Donations:

Operation Shoebox \$2000.00
Project SOS \$2000.00
Humane Society \$1000.00
Combat vets to Careers \$2000.00
It Takes a Village \$1000.00
Help Agency/SOZO \$1000.00
Shepherd's Lighthouse \$2000.00
Refuge at Jumper Creek \$2000.00
St. Theresa's Soup Kitchen \$1000.00
Center Hill Children's Mission \$2000.00
Total Cash Donations: \$16,000.00

Codys' Fundraisers

Veterans Helping Veterans (May)
Wildwood Middle High School (July)
Patriot Dogs (September)

Drives:

Clothing (May)
Toys for Tots (November)

The Poetry of Jimmy Buffett

Railroad Lady

She's a railroad lady
Just a little bit shady
Spending her days on the train
She's a semi-good looking
The fast rails they took 'er
Now she's tryin', just tryin' to get home again.

South Station on Boston to the stockyards of Austin
From the Florida sunshine to the New Orleans's rain
Now that the rail packs
Has taken the best tracks
She's tryin', just tryin' to get home again.

She's a railroad lady
Just a little bit shady
Spending her life on the trains
Once a pullman car traveler
Now the brakeman won't have 'er
She's tryin', just tryin' to get home again.

Once a high balling loner thought he could own 'er
He bought her a fur and a big diamond ring
She hocked them for cold cash
Left town on the Wabash
Never thinking of home way back then.

But the rails are now rusty
The dining car's dusty
The gold plated watches have taken their toll
The railroads are dying
And the lady she's crying
On a bus to Kentucky and home that's her goal.

She's a railroad lady
Just a little bit shaky
Spending her life on the train
She's a semi-good looking
But the fast rails the took 'er
Now she' tryin', just tryin' to get home again.

Membership

We Have A New Secretary

At the September meeting the CoCo-Nutz selected Kathie Purdy as our Club's new Secretary. Kathie had been working as the temporary Secretary since Lisa MacLeod moved up to the Vice President slot. When you see Kathie, congratulate her on her new job!



We Have A New Webmaster!!

At the September Coco-Nutz meeting, Alan Shimp was appointed to be the Club's webmaster. Alan claims to have attended over 20 Jimmy Buffett concerts. He was an engineer employed by the Navy working on warfare systems. Along the way he learned to program and maintain websites. Welcome Aboard!



We Have A New Phins UP Manager

At the September meeting the CoCo-Nutz appointed Jim Dieleman at the Phins UP Manager. This position was previously held by Katie Purdy. Jim has a work history in corporate retail merchandising and ran our 50/50 for several years.



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 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



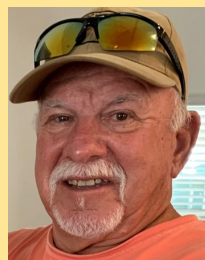
Sunshine Committee

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



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.



Why Volunteer?

There are lots of reasons why people raise their hands and say that they will step up and serve. Volunteering provides a sense of purpose and community. You will meet and make new friends. When you accomplish goals, you increase your self-esteem. You learn new skills. You get out of your comfort zone and into a new space. And best of all, IT'S PHUN! You don't have to wait until December to make a resolution. Volunteer to do something that needs to be done. You'll be glad you did.





Membership

Time To Renew Dues For 2024

It's hard to believe but 2023 is almost 2/3 over !! That means it's time to renew your membership for 2024 !! Starting on September 1st, 2023, you can renew your membership in the largest Parrot Heads Club in the world for 2024 !! And we kept the renewal price the same at \$25 each !!

So after September 1st, go to our website at: www.villagesparrotheads.com and click on purchase memberships. This will take you to our event list and look for 2024 membership renewal.

Remember - each membership will appear as a ticket, so don't be fooled by that. This is what we use to populate our database. If you have any questions, you can ask us at any phlocking.

Just enter all your info and PLEASE - be careful with your email address. Whatever you enter will be used to send emails, so if you put it in incorrect, you won't receive any emails in 2024 and we want you to be totally informed.

Also - you do not have to use your proper name, example: if your name is Robert or William, and you go by Bob or Bill, please use Bob or Bill. We are easy that way !! (I know you have to enter all your info, but this is how we keep everything as up to date as possible.)

So make sure you renew so you won't miss out on all the fun as it continues into 2024.

Elections

The Club holds an election each year for positions on our Board of Directors (Coco-Nutz). This year an election will be held for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Media Trustee (Newsletter and Website), Travel Trustee and the Volunteer Coordinator. The terms of office for each position is 2 years. You can find out what each position's responsibility is by going to the "Documents" section on our web site and reading the Club's By Laws.

Our Elections Chairperson, Kevin Fuller, will make The Call for Nominations in October. If there are two people seeking the same position, the campaign will take place in November with the Election being held in December. The winners will take their seats on January 1st, 2024.

Help Wanted

We are a club run by people who volunteer. To remain the best club in the Villages and the largest Parrot Head Club on the Earth, 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 jlb2500@gmail.com to volunteer.

50/50: Volunteers needed at all Phlockings. Contact Debra Warren at 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.

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

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 2) and get involved. You will be glad you did!



Membership

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 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

The Villages Regional Hospital: Contact Gloria Counselman (352) 751-8176 or email her at tvrvhpo@centflhealth.org

Cornerstone Hospice: If you are interested email Heidi Gamet at 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.

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 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 4 positions on their Board of Directors open. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, you will find this a rewarding way to help people in need. Contact Kathie Niesem (847-641 3287) or email at katcarl@prodigy.net for more information.

Gypsy and Ren’s Drink of the Month

Once again the Club is the beneficiary of all of the hard work associated with finding, testing, tasting and telling us about a new drink.



The September drink you are encouraged to prepare is the **Peachee Dandee**.

You start with 1 Fresh Sweet Peach peeled and pitted, add 1/2 Cup of Ice and 1/2 Cup of Rum. Then you put it in a blender with brown sugar to taste and enjoy!



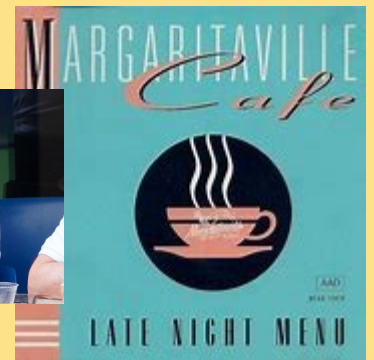
Gypsy gives this drink a 5 star rating!!

Barb’s Trivia Question:

According to Jimmy's version of "Another Saturday Night," if he doesn't find a honey to help him spend his money, what's he gonna do?

- A. “I’m prob’ly gonna lose my mind.”
- B. “I’m headin’ back to Key West town”
- C. “I’ll jump in the river and drown”
- D. “I’m gonna have to blow this town:”

Answer on page 14



Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features the amazing Kathie Niesem. Kathie and her husband Joe live in the Village of Calumet Grove. Kathie moved there in 2014 and she likes the quiet area and her wonderful neighbors.

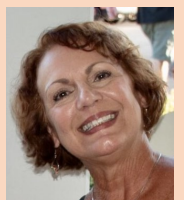
Kathie has a very active lifestyle which includes golfing, swimming, and gardening. She also volunteers for several groups including her neighborhood group, and she is the secretary of the Calumet Grove Social Group. Kathie is also the chairman of the board of one of our club's favorite charities, the Shepherd's LightHouse in Belleview. The organization assists women and children who are homeless, victims of domestic violence, or victims of human trafficking in getting their lives back. They accomplish this by taking them in, educating them, giving them skills, helping them find jobs, helping them with their resumes, and actually house several of them for up to six months until they can turn their lives around and start over.

Kathie was born and raised in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, and lived there for over 50 years until she moved to The Villages. She was employed as an education manager for a national medical association. She did all their educational planning for their annual meeting which was the third largest medical meeting in the country. Kathie also runs her own business as an event planner currently focusing on weddings and celebrations of life. She has a daughter and two step grandchildren and another grandchild on the way! They also have a two year old toy Yorkie named Ollie.

The story of how Kathie became a Parrot Head is that the Executive Director of the Shepherd's LightHouse asked her to accept a check on their behalf that our club would be presenting at one of our phlockings. They went to the phlocking and really enjoyed themselves and decided to join up!

What Kathie loves about the Parrot Head club is the camaraderie and the fact that they give so much back to the community.

Interview by Alma Berryman Scheer



Trop Rock Events & Resources

Musicians

Caribbean Chillers

Caribbeanchillers.com

Don Middlebrook

www.donmiddlebrook.net

Highway 1 Band

www.highway1band.com

Landshark Band

www.landsharkband.com

Mac McAnally

www.macmcanally.com

Robert France

www.rfrance.us

Sunny Jim Music

www.sunnyjim.com

Trop Rock Junkies

Troprockjunkies.com

Jimmy Buffett

Home Page

www.jimmybuffett.com

Margaritaville

www.margaritaville.com

Jimmy Buffett Lyrics

azlyrics.com/j/jimmybuffett.html

TropRock Radio

Pirate Head Radio

www.pirateheadradio.com

Shore Life Radio

www.shoreliferadio.com

Oyster Radio

Oysterradio.com

Radio Trop Rock

www.radiotroprock.com

TropRock Festivals

Trop Rock Music Association

Calendar of Events

Troprock.Org/events/

Panama City Beach 2024 Rendezvous

panamacityphc.org/rendezvous

Parrot Head Clubs

On September 14th—17th the **Tampa Bay Parrot Heads Club** will celebrate their 29th birthday. The weekend party is at the Holiday Inn Express in Clearwater. Details and tickets are at www.finsup.com.

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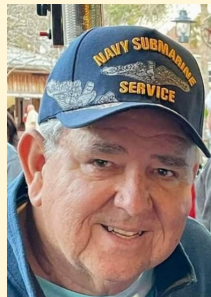
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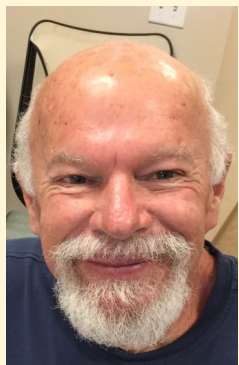
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Please support our Corporate Sponsors



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 Palmer Legends Country Club has been making space available for Club Phlockings for over a decade. Their goal is to create a memorable experience for their guests. They believe "the taste of the roast is determined by the handshake of the host."



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.



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:3527513953) to get a test drive and see the difference between your cart and a Streetrod



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

Answer B. "I'm headed back to Key West Town"

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Our philosophy is based on our goal to empower you to live “your life, your way” via an information-rich culture. We are dedicated to maximizing the living benefits of life insurance and annuities to establish guaranteed income for life



Founded in 2007, they are locally owned and managed and serve thousands of residents not only in The Villages but surrounding active adult communities. FertiGator provides a full range of services including lawn, shrub, and pest maintenance services. They offer a \$25 discount to all Parrot Heads.



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. Her website is www.dianesmallwoodrealty.com



Pedego Electric Bikes—Trailwinds Village is proud to be a Corporate Sponsor of the Villages Parrot Head Club. Owners Jeff and Sharon are villages and long-time Parrot Heads. They are passionate about bringing Pedego’s FUN colorful e-bike line-up to the recreational lifestyle of The Villages and look forward to many opportunities to partner with like-minded Parrot Heads to create FUN and serve our community. You are invited to stop by the store (off 466A—between Lowes and Publix) - most likely Buffett will be playing, Introduce yourself and take a bike for a spin. It’s guaranteed to put a smile on your face.



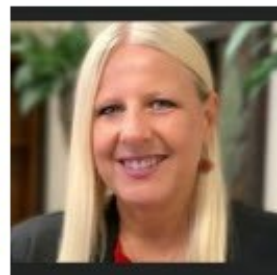
The First Responders of Station 44 host our Blood Drives. We appreciate the space and the support.

Patriot Service Dogs Fundraiser

**Cody's in Brownwood
September 19 4-6**

**Door Prize:
Beach Wagon
Filled with \$600 of Booze**

**Provided by:
Diane Smallwood
Keller Williams
Cornerstone Realty
352-787-4325**



DISNEY SPRINGS BUS TRIP



Begin your Holiday Shopping and enjoy a meal in one of the many restaurants.

There is no set itinerary. Each person is on their own for the duration of the day at Disney. You will receive a list of suggested restaurants on the bus.

Date: November 14, 2023

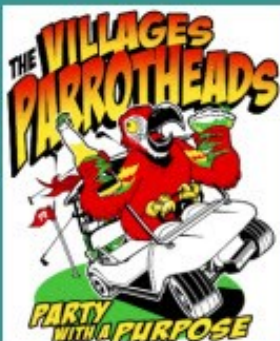
Price: \$30.00 per person

Time: Bus departs from Walmart 466 - near the Garden Section Promptly at 11 am.

The bus will depart Disney Springs at 7:30 pm and should return back to Walmart at approximately 9:00 pm

No Glass on the bus - Tervis Tumbler type glasses are okay.

Tickets go on sale on September 1, 2023. Visit www.villagesparrotheads.com to purchase your seat. Under "Quick Links" go to "Purchase Event Tickets"



**Chair: Bonnie Linklater 248-842-3546
bjlinklater@yahoo.com**

Assistant Chair: Linda Group 219-928-3083

NO REFUNDS. In the event you can not attend after you purchase your ticket, be sure to contact the Chair

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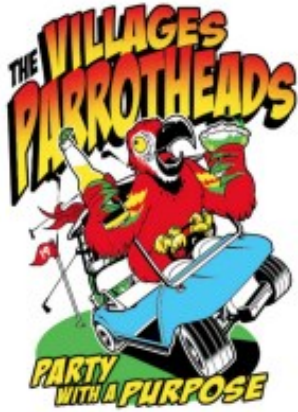
2023 HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 19, 2023
LA HACIENDA REC CENTER
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM



TICKETS: \$20.00 — NO
REFUNDS
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://
WWW.VILLAGEPARROTHEAD
.COM](https://www.villageparrothead.com)
ENTERTAINMENT: TROP ROCK
JUNKIES
BYOE (FOOD & DRINKS)
WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUMES
FOR PRIZES
BRING A \$5.00 - \$10.00 CASH
DONATION FOR THE FOOD
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Parrothead Night Golf

Thursday, Nov 16th, 2023

Saddlebrook Golf Course

Golf starts at DUSK (approx. 6:15pm)

Parking Lot Party - BYOB & SNACKS – 5:00pm

Don't forget your bug spray and flashlight!!

\$15.00 per person **NO REFUNDS**

(Price includes glow balls and glow necklaces)

Online ticket sales begin Oct 1st.

*This will be an 8-person team, shotgun start,
alternating shot, scramble event.*

Putting Contest between holes 7 & 8

Chair – Brenda Fryc

218-591-9567

Asst. Chair – Fran Appelbaum

952-200-9097

CHARITABLE GIVING QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

Questionnaires will be collected at three phlockings in October. All surveys must be received by October 29, 2023. Thank you for the support.

Vote for your top 3 Charities for CASH donations distribution. "Other charities" listed will count toward your 3 votes.

NOTE: The following charities are supported by our club through collections of donations at the phlockings, dedicated fundraisers, and/or volunteer hours. There is no need to vote for these charities: **Local Food Pantries, Help Us Help Children, Toys for Tots, or national Parrot Head charities.**

| <u>Local Charities</u> | <u>Services and/or Target Demographic</u> | <u>Admin Cost</u> | <u>Check 3 Charities</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Center Hill Children's Mission | Hispanic Children | 0% | |
| Combat Vets to Careers | Military Veterans | 15% | I |
| Help Agency/SOZO Kids | Children in Ocala Forest | 37% | |
| Humane Society, SPCA | Local no kill facility | 13% | |
| It Takes a Village | Children & Teachers of Wildwood Elementary | 0% | |
| Operation Shoebox | Send supplies to deployed soldiers | 0% | |
| Project Support our Soldiers | Veterans Services | 2% | |
| Refuge at Jumper Creek | Homeless women & children | 15% | |
| Service Dogs for Vets | Disabled Veterans | 6% | |
| Shepherd Lighthouse | Homeless mothers and Children | 11% | |
| Veterans Helping Veterans | Marion County veterans | 5% | |
| Wildwood Soup Pantry | Homeless of Wildwood | Church affiliated | |
| Other Charity Suggestions | | | |

Descriptions of Charities Supported in the Past

Center Hill Children's Mission: Services Hispanic children whose parents don't speak English. The Center provide homework assistance, after school programs, often food.

Combat Veterans to Careers: Provides services for combat veterans to assist them in finding careers.

Help Agency SOZO Kids: Provides food, training and after school programs for the children living in the Ocala National Forest. .

Humane Society: A no kill facility in Marion County.

It Takes aVillages: A Villages club that supports the teachers and students of Wildwood Elementary. Providing backpacks, school supplies and funding for various events.

Operation Shoebox: Puts together care packages and mails them to our troops

Project SOS (Supporting Our Soldiers): Works with veterans in Sumter, Lake and Marion Counties to provide mobility devices and wheel chairs to disabled veterans and also feed, shelter and provide healthcare to military families who live in the local forests.

Refuge at Jumper Creek: Provides housing for homeless women & children in Bushnell area.

Service Dogs for Vets: Provides trained dogs for disabled veterans

Shepherd Light House: A shelter for women with children up to 9 years old that transitions them back into society.

Veterans Helping Veterans: Provides services to veterans in Marion county which include counseling, referral, advocacy, and direct social service assistance, including food and limited financial assistance for such items such as rent, utilities, special dietary needs.

Wildwood Soup Kitchen: Part of the outreach ministry for United Presbyterian Church of Wildwood. This soup kitchen serves between 200 & 300 hot lunches everyday for the homeless in the Wildwood area.