

March Edition

Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club Inc.



## PARROT HEAD POOP

# ***GROUND HOG GETS IT WRONG***

Got your attention??? Well the weather has all of our attention....just where is Spring, you (adjective deleted) Woodchuck? You said early Spring as I recall. We are all back to bringing in our plants that we had just moved out. Hoping by the time we get to the Scavenger Hunt, we will be warm and toasty. We had a busy March, and April is chock full of all sorts of Parrot Head fun.

Our Irish themed First Friday PHlocking had Bonnie Forkey and her leprechaun team running games and celebrating our Irish heritage, with 4EverAll playing some great tunes. Not only was there a hunt for green coins (can't recall who the winner was) but Bonnie had some Irish songs (on paper cut into separate verses) and each team had to reassemble the song verses into the correct order and then sing them. Pretty funny; here again, I am not sure what team won but the creativity award goes to Chuck Sewell who had the bright idea to come over and ask yours truly for tape. Thinking he was putting up a sign, he got the tape and promptly had his team tape their verses together.....the other teams struggled with holding them in order while they sang....smart thinking!

The very next day we had 23 Parrot Heads (and friends) help with this year's Hoop Pole Creek Clean up for the NC Coastal Federation. We collected trash, trimmed bushes along the trails and got the trail looking great. We lost track of the number of bags, but probably the best "find" this year was the full set of men's clothing found by Doris Spiecher and Sharon Ambrose....generating a lot of discussion on how they



Sharon and Doris hot on the trail, looking for the man with missing clothing.

might have gotten there. Give a good flap of the wings to the following Parrot Heads who helped with this event: Jean & Maggie Jensen, Doris & Bert Speicher, Ken & Sue Stone, April & Gary Hardee, Rita Babich, Bar-

bara Morgan, Chuck & Jane Sewell, Jess & Jason Holland (plus their 2 kids) Jan & James Hicks, Tara & John Dyer, Lisa Miller, Marcia McMahan and Sharon Ambrose. Almost all of us went out to Snapperz Grill afterwards for lunch and had a fine time.

Chuck & Jane Sewell model what the well dressed litter picker upper wears.





At the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival we had a 22 item Riff Raff Raffle of great goodies donated by generous Parrot Head members and local merchants, with all funds going to this year's worthy charity, The Carteret County Domestic Violence Program. Lots of sunshine, laughter, and tons of people made for a fabulous day. We were also able to pass along info on the Program, and there were lots of happy raffle winners announced and contacted at the end of the day. As usual, we had a rip

roaring good time (that's what Parrot Heads do, Party With a Purpose) while raising and donating \$964 to the Domestic Violence Program. Now \$964 seemed like an odd number, so we threw in a few extra bucks to round it up to \$1000; know the program can certainly put the funds to good use. Thanks to all the Parrot Heads who worked the booth, coordinated donations, who set up and took down the booth, made calls to winners, who donated prizes and of course who bought tickets. Aside from the raffle, we set up our pirate cut out for free photo ops, promoted the Parrot Head Club and some of our upcoming activities, signed up new members, gave out a bunch of green beads and bling, had Party On the Parrot flying around the booth getting photos with kids and adults alike, saw some green hair coloring come out, and joined in the general great time of the entire Festival.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- ♦ This summer at one of the PHlockings (not sure which one) we will be raffling off a Key West Frozen Concoction Maker. It is restaurant quality and automatically mixes the right proportion of ice and ingredients and includes a salt and lime tray. We got a great discount on it from Margaritaville Cargo site thanks to Margaritaville Foods Promotions so why not have a little fun? Stay tuned for the date of the raffle!
- ♦ Although we have yet to do a real fund raiser for the Atlantic House in Morehead. I wanted to let you know that they are in need of some help. This organization is a community support program that serves mentally ill and troubled adults in Carteret County. We all know that there is a lack of mental services in the United States and May is National Mental Health Month. In December, Atlantic House opened "The Thrifty Boutique" to serve as their major source of revenue to sustain their program. Right now the organization is able to offer services only 3 days a week and they hope to return to full services 5 days a week. They are looking for help in the following ways.
  - \* tax deductible charitable cash contribution
  - \* donations of items for "The Thrifty Boutique". Items needed include quality ladies, misses and men's clothing, accessories, shoes, purses, wallets, jewelry. High end specialty home décor and art items, food items to be prepared in their kitchens by participants, and of course they need some volunteers.

They are located at 3900 Bridges St., Morehead City and can be reached at 252-648-8505 or email at [atlantichouse@ymail.com](mailto:atlantichouse@ymail.com)

**The following appeared in a Parrot Head Leaders forum and thought y'all might enjoy a laugh.**

### What is a Parrot Head?

They never fail to ask when we appear in mass,  
What makes you wear those crazy clothes and imitate an ass?  
The answer isn't simple, but then again it is,  
It's really just a frame of mind around Jimmy Buffett's biz.



It's sitting in a traffic jam and picturing a beach,  
A far off island in the sea that's just beyond your reach,  
A flowered shirt, a crazy hat, a cheeseburger in your hand  
A beach chair at an awesome park with a Trop-Rock music band.

By day we may be doctors and lawyers and don a 3-piece suit.  
By night the margaritas flow and grass skirts look so cute,  
With sailing songs and steel drum beats the stress can melt away,  
And if you haven't tried it, don't knock it, as they always say.

We celebrate the pirate life, the hula girls and rum,  
A bunch of crazy drinkin' folk we have been called by some.  
Dancing barefoot, squeezing limes, it is a tropical circus,  
But hold the bashing and keep in mind, we Party with a Purpose.

So welcome to this phlocking - we hope that you'll be kind.  
Beyond the beaks and feathers you'll certainly no doubt find  
The greatest bunch of people that take charity to heart,  
That welcomes anyone with the urge to play a part.

Fins up Everybody!

Carol Ewald, President  
Santa Barbara Parrot Head Club 2009





## **WHAT'S UP NEXT? (print this out and hang it up!!)**

**April 5th First Friday PHlocking - 7:30 at the Emerald Club** - Our buddies Searce and Ketner are playing and there will be food as well. Bobbi Raub, Jean LaVanna and Jan Hicks have planned some fun activities.....all geared around developing your Scavenger Hunt skills. It will also be a great time to find some buddies to make up a team for the really big scavenger hunt the next day. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle (to be drawn Saturday at the Scavenger Hunt) to benefit Kip Baker, friend, and Parrot Head Board member who has spent the last 6 weeks receiving radiation therapy in Raleigh. We had a team of great Parrot Heads who hosted his dogs at their homes during the weeks he was receiving care. Thanks to all who volunteered to help, and even if you did not get "called upon" all your thoughts and good wishes were appreciated. A lot of travel for Kip and Leni back and forth, so lets send them a little help for gas money at least. For those of you who hope to win, please understand, we DO NOT EXPECT OR ENCOURAGE YOU TO DONATE YOUR PART OF THE 50/50 TO THE CAUSE OF THE DAY! Keep it and treat yourself to something nice.

**April 6th (Saturday) Annual Scavenger Hunt** - **Register your team of 4 for only \$20.** Registration starts at 2 PM at the Emerald Club, the Hunt is 2 hours from 3-5. This is one of the funniest, most competitive events of the year. Last year's winning team of "Stressed Out Ladies Unwinding Together" is ready to defend their championship title against 2011 winning team (we know who they are, but they can't remember their team name). Marsha & Bob Horner (and associates) are heading up this event and I know that the clues will be just as challenging as in previous years. So, start working on putting together that team and help us Party with a Purpose for the Domestic Violence Program and the Carteret County Humane Society Shelter. Those entering will also get a wrist band to re-enter the club later for some great music. We will also be continuing the 50/50 raffle for Kip Baker at the Scavenger Hunt. Good luck and remember, we had children participating so keep your team names Family Friendly.

**April 13th (Saturday) Adopt a Highway Pick up –Meet at 11 am** at the Emerald Club. Sign up at the PHlocking or contact Jean Jensen at [belguimboy@aol.com](mailto:belguimboy@aol.com). There should be a lot of visibility with the bridge construction so be sure to wear something suitable for Parrot Heads, hats, shirts etc. We also try to get together for lunch as a group following the pick up.

**April 11th (Thursday) 6 PM New Member Social at Senor Dicks in Cedar Point** - Old and new get to mingle and chat and learn more about the Parrot Head Club. The Club will be providing Margaritaville Shrimp and some munchies to keep you full and happy. There is a full bar, plenty of space to stand and sit. We will be having live background music (soft so we can still talk) to set the tone and at 8 PM Hector will be playing some tunes on the piano for those who stay. Often times it is hard to chat at a PHlocking, this will give you a chance to get to know folks better. RSVP (old and new ) to Maggie Rauschenberg at [Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com) or sign up at the PHlocking so we can plan for food and space.

**May 18th (Saturday) - Save the Date for the Beach Bike Poker Run.** This is the biggest event of the year and we need all the help we can get so make sure you mark your calendar. We will have a sign up sheet at the PHlocking or you can email me at [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com). There are many types of jobs from registration to publicity but we have a really hard time finding folks to be CARD SHARKS. We need 15 people, 3 at each stop, and they cannot be ride participants. So, if you can't participate in the actual ride, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know as soon as possible. Just so you know and can start planning, the 3 Bike Decorating categories have been decided....drum roll please...this year we will have **1) COWBOY IN THE JUNGLE, 2) BOAT DRINKS 3) GROW-ING OLDER BUT NOT UP.** Registration begins at 1, the ride is from 2-5 PM. The cost is \$20 and the proceeds will go to the Hope for the Warriors Foundation. Pig Pickin' and raffle with great prizes too!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



For the April PHlocking, you need to find Ken Stone to pick up your free birthday "gift" to help you celebrate. In the meantime, please wish the following April Birthday birds a happy birthday. Coupon may only be used at the birthday month PHlocking.

April 1 Phyllis Harke  
 April 4 Kim Venters  
 April 4 Bob Messig  
 April 5 Debbie Blondin  
 April 7 Catherine Hudson  
 April 11 Tracy Hodge  
 April 12 Jordan Williams  
 April 12 Susan Johnson  
 April 13 Wendy Merrill  
 April 17 Betty White  
 April 21 Steve Hoyle  
 April 22 Ty Cannon  
 April 22 Annie Hughes  
 April 23 Matt Teachey  
 April 23 Mystie Turnage  
 April 24 Loekie Smith  
 April 24 Valerie Johnson  
 April 24 Russell Burgess  
 April 24 Matt Morel  
 April 25 James Hicks  
 April 25 Diane Hulse  
 April 27 Gary Schroeder  
 April 28 Dan Grainger

## WELCOME NEW PARROT HEADS

Please make sure you take the time to look for, and meet our newest members. We have a "special designation" ( a colorful flowered lei) for new Parrot Heads to wear at their first PHlocking so it will be easier to spot them for introductions. If you are new, find Sue Stone or Kathy Ruge and get your welcome "lei". [Of course, the best way for new members to become part of the Club is to volunteer for activities. Be sure to look for the Volunteer Sign up Book at the PHlocking.](#)

### NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Paula Stout from Morgantown, W.Va.  
 Jeff & Raquel Clark from Emerald Isle  
 Shirley Long from Emerald Isle  
 Tracy & Dennis Hodge from Emerald Isle  
 Emily Sears from West Chester, Ohio  
 Taylor Goodwin from Middletown, Ohio  
 Jenni & Mike Douglas from Cape Carteret  
 Donna Grady from Emerald Isle  
 Loekie Smith from Emerald Isle  
 Art & Diane Schools from Emerald Isle  
 Brian & Marie McHugh from Swansboro  
 Bernie & Debbie Auth from Hubert  
 Kevin Best from Pikeville  
 Pat & John Tantom from Cedar Point  
 Melinda Gray from Rockville, MD  
 Betty White from Kinston/ Emerald Isle

Membership dues are DUE! Again, this year it will be \$10 per person per year. We do this on a calendar year and do not prorate. All unpaid members will be deleted from the membership rolls after the April PHlocking. Please make it easy on those of us who have to re-enter all your info if you are deleted from the database and decide to rejoin. If you can't make a PHlocking, please send a check to Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club, 9701 Ashley Place, Emerald Isle, NC 28594 for the dues so you can stay on the mailing list.



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#### HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARROT HEAD CLUB

**WEBSITE: EMERALDISLEPARROTHEADS.COM**

**NATIONAL PARROT HEAD WEBSITE: PHIP.COM**

If you go to this site, check out the mail lists you can get on to find out what is happening with Parrot Heads around the world - \_Go to the drop down list at the top and select join our email list.

**Like us on Facebook: EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB**

#### FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING

**APRIL 5TH at 7:30**

**AT THE EMERALD CLUB**

**Music by**

**Scearce & Ketner**

**Food provided by the  
Emerald Club (Eddie  
from Piggly Wiggly  
Deli)**

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