### **Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club Inc.**



## PARROT HEAD POOP

# CHRISTMAS ISLAND TAKES FIRST PLACE IN THE EMERALD ISLE CHRISTMAS PARADE!

For those of you who haven't heard, this year's parade had cash prizes for first, second and third place in the Emerald Isle Christmas Parade for the first time. Thanks to an absolutely awesome, creative team of Parrot Heads, this year's float was so over the top that they had no choice but to recognize all the hard work of the Parade "team". Jan and James Hicks, Jean Jensen, Renee and Jack Synan, Wendy and Ray Gollihue and Kip Baker got things rolling with a meeting back in October (or was it September???). Little did Ken and I know (we missed the meeting) that our garage was to become the future "home" of the float and all sorts of activities (parties) over the month of November! Along with the core team, we had a whole lot of folks who showed up for the several rounds of building, paper mache parrot making, sign painting and decorating. We are so proud of the group that volunteered their time and talents. In addition to the "Core Team", these folks include (hope I got everyone) John & Tara Dyer and daughter Leanna, Marge Browder, Kelley Nelson, Erin Sheldon, Bob and Marsha Horner, Jane and Chuck Sewell, Synan's sons Hunter & Matt, Rita Babich, Louise Ehrenkaufer, Ken & Sue Stone, Maggie Jensen, and Leni Newell. We even put Stone's guests Ed, Donna and Tina to work. A special thanks to Carl and Sandy from Coastal Outlet for the use of the Trolley again this year and to Tim and Sherri Randall for the pizza for the work crew. ( I think I got everyone....if not I will add you in next time)



Day 1 of the construction....definitely a Party with a Purpose



Wanna be chef Jack
Synan and wife Renee fixed up a huge meal of good food, and everyone brought something to share.

One of two parts to the float; the Trolley trying to get to Christmas Island or bust.
Gotta love it.
See page



### WHAT'S UP NEXT?



<u>December 2nd</u> - 7:30 First Friday PHlocking/ Christmas Party. Dress up in your funkiest Christmas Duds and see if you can win a prize. We will have an activity that you should check out as soon as you come in the door. The Emerald Club is providing food for our party and Scearce and Ketner will be sending out some good vibrations. This year we will have a little "twist" to the Toys for Tots theme. Wendy Gollihue has been in con-

tact with the Pellitier Foundation who is trying to do some nice things for the <u>local folks</u> out in the Tri-Village area of Hatteras Island who got hit so hard from Hurricane Irene. Apparently their food banks are bare and folks are fretting about what they can do for their children for Christmas. So, the Board has discussed the situation and we will be collecting unwrapped toys for the Hatteras Children and we will also have a box for non-perishable items to help restock the food pantries. So, as you don your Christmas duds, please remember to bring an unwrapped toy and some pantry items. It is the least we can do.....it could have been us!

Also, Tim and Sherri Randall have asked us to help them with a fundraiser. Tim's brother Jonathan (age 44) and nephew Jacob (age 19) have both been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. They are going through chemo now. They both have a good prognosis but it is going to be a long road to get there.



Their family and friends have been doing several fundraisers to help offset some of the cost that both families are incurring. One of them is selling can Koozies. On the back of the Koozie it says GBW against Cancer (GBW stands for "Girls Beach Weekend"). They will be selling them at the Christmas party for \$5 each, so bring a little extra cash to help with this cause.

CLUB T-SHIRTS Rita Babich has ordered a whole new supply of Club T-shirts in all sorts of colors and sizes and styles. We will have them for sale (\$10 each) at the January PHlocking from 7:30 - 8:30. We have Ladies V-neck tees, regular tees and tanks, for Men we have regular tees and tanks. We even have some men's long sleeve t's and some ladies 3/4 sleeve V-neck shirts. There is an assortment of colors, first come, first serve! Available to Club members only!

COAST IS CLEAR UNDER THE PIER T-SHIRTS have been ordered and Rita will have them in hand for the December PHlocking. If you ordered a shirt, please bring your money to the December PHlocking and pick up your shirt(s).

PLEASE NOTE; T-SHIRTS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY BUT WE WILL HAVE THEM AGAIN IN JANURARY.

STARTING AT THE JANUARY PHLOCKING, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DUES FOR 2012. THE COST REMAINS AN INFLATION FREE \$10 PER PERSON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR (WE DO NOT PRO-



RATE....WAY TOO COMPLICATED). A
GREAT BARGAIN IN THESE *TIMES*. IF YOU
WON'T BE AT THE JANUARY MEETING,
PLEASE SEND A CHECK TO THE EMERALD
ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB, IN CARE OF SUE
STONE, 9701 ASHLEY PLACE, EMERALD
ISLE, NC 29594.

#### **CLUB WEBSITE**

The website committee has been hard at work making some changes and setting up some links to our favorite spots. Ray & Wendy Gollihue, Patrick Sheets and Kathy Ruge have lots of ideas and if you have some suggestions, send them to ray1gollihue@ yahoo.com. Wendy Gollihue is working on a way to show off all of our event photos through a Shutterfly link so if you have any pics you would like to share, send them to Wendy at wgollihue@embarqmail.com. There is also a link to an events calendar and past newsletters. Go to emeraldisleparrotheads.com; pretty easy to remember!

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



A bit of a change in how we celebrate Parrot Head Birthdays from this point forward. Check in with Ken Stone on December 2nd to pick up your free birthday "gift" to help you celebrate. In the mean time, please wish the fol-

lowing December birthday birds a happy birthday.

December 2 Leanna Dyer

December 2 Carl Rauschenberg

December 4 Dicky Scearce

December 8 Cecil Davis Jr.

December 9 Buck Browder

December 15 Roma Browder

December 16 Mel Fairchild

December 16 Kathryn Gorham

December 18 Melinda Blattel

December 19 Laura Lee Davis

December 19 Kelly Lewis

December 21 Billy Alford

December 22 Randy Shaffer

December 22 Scott Jones

December 24 Maggie Jensen

December 26 Kevin Geraghty

December 27 Greg Stenzel

**December 27 Margaret Penny** 

December 29 Loretta Alexander

December 30 Jan Mitchiner

## WELCOME NEW PARROT HEADS

Please make sure you take the time to look for our newest members. We now 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 Ken or Sue Stone to 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.

Robert Childree from Emerald Isle

Leanna Dyer (Keet) from Emerald Isle

Kathie and Mark Kocourek from Emerald Isle

Noland & Becky Parham from Norlina, N.C.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUCH

My apologies to Janet Lewis. Old habits die hard and I keep referencing her as Janet Turbie, her maiden name in the past few newletters. I promise to do better in 2012!

Several people have mentioned that we should be doing care packages for the Marines. We need someone to head up that activity. It certainly would be great to do especially since we have several Marine members. Anyone interested?

We are exploring the idea of doing a Costume Cruise (out of Morehead or Beaufort) in Mid October and could use some input, ideas and planning. Interested? Let me know.

No PHlocking in February. We are looking at doing a new member social. Will keep you posted on plans.

There are loads of good pictures of the float building process, paper mache parrot making and the parade but they aren't in one place yet. Some on Facebook. Hope to get them on the web site soon.

Thanks to all of you who have sent cards to Parrot Head Bobby Wood, who though still in the hospital, has been improving (thanks to all the good cheer he received from fellow Parrot Heads) and we hope to hear that he has been released soon. If you haven't sent a card and would still like to, send it to:

Bobby Wood, 3713 Arrowood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27604. Both Bobby and Diane wanted me to make sure you know how much they appreciated the kind thoughts, prayers and cards.



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First Place! The boat trying to get to Christmas Island.....don't have pictures of the truck with Christmas island on hand just yet.

### FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING

## December 2nd AT 7:30

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

Music by Scearce and Ketner

Food provided by the Emerald Club

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