

PARROT HEAD POOP

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PHLUFF UP THE PHLOCK PARTY

The Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club began in 2002 when Bonnie Forkey and Mike and Pat Haut got together and got us started. We grew from just a few Parrot Heads to over 200 in just 8 years. Folks come and go, depending on what is happening in their lives, and what is happening in the club that interests them. We're looking to find a way to keep our energy up and bring in some more Parrot Heads who are interested in seeing our club stay active in the community. We have approximately 4 Board meetings a year, and, as you know, many activities that take a bit of planning. We do have "templates" for most of our standard activities and we are always looking for some new ideas, new ways to do things, ways to improve what and how we do the activities. To that end, the Board will be hosting a PHIuff up the



PHlock party on Saturday, January
22nd from 5-7 PM (happy hour format)
at the home of Ken and Sue Stone.
We are asking anyone who is interested in taking part in a little revitalization (or fluffing up) of our Club/PHlock to join us. Please bring an appetizer / snack to share and your drink of choice. We will have some Margaritaville Shrimp to get you in the mood to be creative. We plan on doing a little brainstorming (yes, happy hour can

make you more creative) on ways we can share the work of running a club, welcoming new members and ways to make everyone smile. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to sstone9@ec.rr.com or give the Stones a call at 252-354-4434. We are really trying to get a number for planning so please take a few minutes to let us know if you can make it. If you can't attend but are willing to be an active member, let us know as well and we will find a way to get your ideas before the party. Hope to see you there. Those of you who signed up to come at the January PHlocking will get an email confirming that you are "counted" in our planning. Most of all, remember why we are Parrot Heads, we Party with a Purpose!

NO FEBRUARY PHLOCKING

As of January 18th, there is no First Friday PHlocking at the Emerald Club. Mike and Pat Haut are finalizing plans for a major remodel of the Emerald Club. (rumor is a bathroom remake is part of the plan) We will talk about this at the PHluff up the PHlock party to see is anyone wants to find a location and plan for a February PHlocking but as of the release of this newsletter, nothing is in the works.

MELTING INTO WINTER

Even though things started slowing down as the colder weather in Emerald Isle settled in, the Parrot Heads were still Partying with a Purpose. Ken Stone



headed up a community effort (Nov. 6th) to raise funds to extend the Bike Pedestrian Path down Coast Guard Road (a town owned road so no State or Federal Funds are available) Hotdogs and Burgers, baked

goods, sodas etc. (all donated) were the focus of a cookout at Dolphin Ridge Club. The community responded and there were around 200 people there. The event was successful and raised \$1900. The town



then voted to match these and other funds that were raised and will complete another section of the Path this Spring. Thanks to Parrot Heads Ken and Sue Stone, Wendy and Ray Gollihue, Mary and Terry Passey, Maggie and Jean Jensen for providing additional manpower for this event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Want to celebrate your birthday with the Parrot Heads? Any member (see the list) who has a birthday in February or March will receive a free Margarita or Corona at the MARCH PHlocking (THERE IS NO FEBRUARY PHLOCKING.....) at the Emerald Club on FRIDAY March 4th. The free drink is available only to those celebrating their birthday in February or March and can only be used at the March PHlocking. The catch isyou have to find Ken Stone at the PHlocking that night to get your free drink coupon. If we missed anyone, so sorry, bring proof of date of birth to get your coupon and we'll add you to the database for the future. Be sure to check the membership roster to make sure we have your birthday. Don't forget to thank Mike and Pat Haut of the Emerald Club for donating this special birthday recognition effort.

February 2 Jane Allen February 20 Mendy Barrow February 24 Jan Hicks February 4 Sue Stone February 6 Joan Gerdsen February 11 Bryan Nicklow February 14 Michael Lincoln February 16 Tim Randall February 20 Debra Pontenberg February 20 Deborah Styron February 21 Jane DuVell-Tutt February 23 Mike Haut February 26 Pam Moss February 26 Greg Sickels

The computer crash of 2010 (only 6 months after the first crash) resulted in the purchase of a new computer and a lapse in newsletters for December and January. I was able to recover most documents eventually (yes the Parrot Head membership database is now back in business.) I am now trying to adjust to Windows 7 and Office 2010, the old version was 2003 so guess I was a bit overdue for a change. I am hoping I can find a free PDF file converter that will work for the newsletter so those of you who don't have Publisher will be able to view it in Adobe. I know, lots of techno-speak but hopefully, you will be reading this easily. Of course if there are any problems in viewing, I am sure you will let me know! So lets hear it for a new year and a new computer!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Jean Jensen and his many helpers put together an awesome float for the Emerald Isle Holiday Parade using the
Coastal Outlet Trolley from Cedar Point. Thanks to Parrot
Heads Carl and Sandy for letting us use the trolley. If you
haven't seen their store on Rt. 24 in Cedar Point, stop by,
they have lots of "Parrot Head" items as well as other
wonderful merchandise. I have no idea of the head
count on the trolley but I heard it was standing room only, the best turn out ever! Those riding the trolley (or
wearing Ken's Parrot outfit) tossed out candy, little rubber
Christmas ornaments and beads to delight the crowd.
Thanks to everyone who helped and rode!

We celebrated the holiday season at our December PHlocking with a bring a snack and a toy theme. Dan and Kathy Ruge, Greg and Vikki Sickels and Ray and Wendy Gollihue put together a fun party. The food was great, a wonderful spread, and we had loads of fun playing the Jimmy Buffett Bead Game, trying not to say "NO" to insane questions we were asked. There were some truly ugly ties and sweaters competing in the Christmas ugly tie and sweater contest. Wish I had room for all the pictures. We had 3 boxes of toys and the Marines arrived in full dress to cart away our contributions to Toys for Tots. Marsha Horner made and donated a beautiful 18 inch Father Christmas for a raffle, raising \$143 for Martha's Mission in Morehead City to help with the operations of the Homeless Shelter. Genaro Arellano was the big winner of the raffle.

WHAT'S UP NEXT????

JANUARY

January 22nd - PHluff up the PHlock Party.
5 - 7 PM at the home of Ken and Sue. We are hoping to get a group of Parrot Heads at this gathering who will bring some new ideas and some energy to the club. We will have some Margaritaville Shrimp to munch on but we are asking everyone to bring an appetizer/snack and beverage of choice. If you can't make it and still want to be involved, just let us know.

RSVP (PLEASE!!!) to Stones at sstone9@ec.rr.com or give them a call at 252

FEBRUARY

-354-4434.

THERE IS NO PHLOCKING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY, DUE TO THE REMODELING OF THE EMERALD CLUB. IF IT IS DECIDED TO HOLD A PHLOCKING ELSEWHERE WE WILL LET YOU KNOW SOON.

MARCH

March 12th - Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival - We always have a booth and for the past 2 years a Riff Raff Raffle where we get 20 or more items so people get to choose the items they most want to win. We always need help at the booth (2 hour shifts) and of course donated items for the raffle. If you know a merchant willing to donate something or know someone who is crafty or talented who could donate an item, please start "collecting" items. We will be doing more planning on this in February and will let you know who will be the designated charity for this event.

APRIL

Scavenger Hunt - date to be announced

MAY

Welcome our new

Parrot Heads.

Don't forget to introduce them to other members.

If you are new and I have left you off, sorry. Let me know.

- Kevin Pelech from Willmington
- Jim Bartell from Emerald Isle
- Scooter Hopkins from Newport
- Beth Hopkins from Emerald Isle
- Bryan Nicklow from Newport

Good news, the reorder of the t-shirts is in thanks to Rita Babich who has taken over the T-shirt business for our Club. The new shirts (\$10) will be available at the PHluff up the PHlock party on January 22nd.

There are yellow and lime green shirts this time. There is an assortment of regular T-shirts, and v-neck and tank top shirts for the ladies. While supplies last! When we run out we can reorder again.

Rita also has a few extra Coast Is Clear T-shirts for \$12 and will bring them to the PHluff up the PHlock party.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of the year again when we ask you to renew your membership. Costs are still the same (8 years and no inflation???) \$10 per person, per year, collected on a calendar year. We try to wrap up renewals by mid March so we don't spend all our energy on collections. If you haven't paid by mid March, you will be removed from the membership roster. (please pay on time so I don't have to delete you.....) You can send checks to: The Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club, 9701 Ashley Place, Emerald Isle, NC 28594.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING

March 4th 7:30

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

NO FEBRUARY PHLOCKING DUE TO THE REMODELING OF THE EMERALD CLUB. SEE YOU IN MARCH!

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