

February 27, 2012

Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club Inc.



PARROT HEAD POOP

TIME TO GO GREEN

It was a long strange winter and now we are looking forward to everything Greening up. We plan on doing just that in a number of ways. First of all, this **Friday, March 2nd at 7:30** we will be getting in the mood with our First Friday PHlocking and we are expecting everyone to be just a wee bit Irish that night. Bonnie Forkey and members of the PHluffed up PHlocking committee have a few tricks up their green sleeves so dress the part, wear some green and, come and be seen!

So Friday night will be just a warm up for the real deal and this year the Emerald Isle St. Patty's Day Festival falls on the real date, **Saturday, March 17th**. As is our usual plan, we will be setting up a booth to recruit new members, welcome those who are renewing their membership and again holding our Riff Raff Raffle. **Benefits of the Riff Raff Raffle will go to the Emerald Isle Emergency Medical Services**. For those of you who are new (or have forgotten) we set up a raffle of 10-15 items. People buy tickets (1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5) and put their tickets in the raffle container in front of the item they want to win. A bit of a change this year by the PHluffed up Activities Committee, instead of asking local merchants for contributions (since we really hit them up for all our other activities and fundraisers) we will stay "in house" so to speak. We are asking Parrot Heads to contribute items for the raffle. We already have a carved bird from Ken Stone, a fish sculpture from Kip Baker, and a table size Parrot Head Corn Hole Game from

Kelley Nelson. We need about 10 more items, so if you are willing to contribute something for the raffle, please let Rita Babich 252-393-2263, rbabich@ec.rr.com or Jan Hicks at 252- 315-1137, jhicks@myglnc.com know so they can coordinate the donations. Jan will have a sign-up sheet for both donations and works shifts (2 hours each) for working the day of the Festival. As always, the Parrot Suit will be available for use and Kip Baker is working on a Pirate Cut out that can be used for photo opportunities.

STATE OF THE PHLOCK

Our second annual PHluff up the PHlock gathering was held on January 23rd at the home of Maggie and Carl Rauschenberg. We had somewhere around 20 folks who are interested in planning and helping with running the club. We PHluffed up three committees; Membership, Activities and PHlocking. We broke into groups and each group reviewed responsibilities, selected chairs and co-chairs and did some overall planning for their committee. I will be sending out the committee minutes for all as soon as they are finalized (seems many of us left for warmer climates just after the gathering and need a few more days to finalize) John Henrickson felt he could no longer serve on the board and Jan Hicks said she would take his place as Member- at Large.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

March 2nd - First Friday PHlocking, 7:30 at the Emerald Club. Food by Eddie from the Piggly Wiggly Deli in Swansboro (good food as always.) Music by Scarce and Ketner. Don't forget to wear the green and be ready for a little fun.

March 3rd - (Saturday) 9 am- Hoop Pole Creek Trail Clean Up with the North Carolina Coastal Federation. The trails are in Atlantic Beach and this usually takes about 2 hours. We usually plan on an early group lunch out after the work. Since they are doing some planning for refreshments and equipment, it would be good to let them know how many they can count on (remember we got the Pelican Award for Volunteers of the Year last year from the Coastal Federation.) Please call or email Sue Stone ASAP if you can help with this activity. sstone9@ec.rr.com, 252-354-4434

March 3rd -- (Saturday) BBO fundraiser for the Pittman Family from Jacksonville at the Swansboro Piggly Wiggly. This family lost so much this past week in the house fire. Eddy (who takes care of the food at our PHlockings) is planning the fund raiser. I don't have much in the way of details just yet but we will have some information up at the PHlocking. A nice way to have lunch and help out a family who needs so much.

March 17th - (Saturday) Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival - We need volunteers to staff 2 hour shifts at our booth from 9-5 and items to be donated for the Riff Raff Raffle. There will be sign up sheets for both at the PHlocking or you can email Jan Hicks at jhicks@myglnc.com. Funds raised will be donated to the Emerald Isle EMS.

April 6th - Frist Friday PHlocking at the Emerald Club at 7:30

April 14th - (Saturday afternoon) Scavenger Hunt - Mark the day, more details to follow but this is always a fun time.

April 24th (Tuesday) New Members Social (tentative date) A chance to gather for drinks, snacks and dinner to help new members meet more people in a bit quieter setting. Details to follow.

April 27th (Fri 3-5) and April 28th (Sat 8-4) NC Coastal Federation Native Plant Sale. Please email Sue Stone sstone9@ec.rr.com or sign up at the PHlocking if you can help with this event. The Parrot Heads are one of the primary sources of volunteers for this Coastal Federation fundraiser.

May 19th (Saturday) Beach Bicycle Poker Run -- Yes, back by popular demand, plans are underway. We need lots of help to get this major fundraiser off and running. It is a great way to meet people if you are new and there are lots of "experienced" folks around to teach you the ropes. More information to follow, but just make sure you mark the date and plan to either help in planning, help that day, participate that day or help get donations for prizes. Categories for bike contest are under consideration. All funds raised will be donated to the Hope for the Warriors.

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 [March](#) 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!



Just a gentle reminder that it is time to renew your membership with the club. This is done on an annual calendar basis. Still only \$10 per person. But wait, there's more. This year Margaritaville Foods shipped our club 180 bags of coffee (worth \$7.48 each at Walmart). Now given that we have 250 or so members, those that renew or sign up for the first time will get a bag of coffee and a coupon with their membership until we run out. Rumor has it that the coffee is delightful, 4 different varieties to chose from. Makes your membership much less expensive (\$2.52 per person) for this year only. Anyone not paid up by the end of March will be removed from the roster. Renew at the PHlocking, St. Patty's Day or by mail sent to Sue Stone, 9701 Ashley Place, Emerald Isle NC 28594

FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Check in with Ken Stone on March 2nd to pick up your free birthday "gift" to help you celebrate. In the meantime, please wish the following February and March birthday birds a happy birthday. Coupon may only be used on the birthday month PHlocking (February is included in March PHlocking as there was no PHlocking in February)



- February 2 Jane Allen
- February 4 Sue Stone
- February 6 Joan Gerdson
- February 7 Michelle Akers
- February 10 Susan Hurley
- February 11 Bryan Nicklow
- February 13 Dac Carpenter
- February 14 Ron Farris
- February 14 Michael Lincoln
- February 16 Kevin Pelecv
- February 16 Tim Randall
- February 20 Debra Pontenberg
- February 20 Deborah Styron
- February 20 Mendy Barrow
- February 23 Mike Haut
- February 24 Jan Hicks
- February 26 Greg Sickels
- February 28 Don Hurley

- March 1 Everette K. Grissom
- March 4 Joy Bailey
- March 8 Charles Rice
- March 8 Debra Bejcek
- March 9 Mary Passey

- March 9 Colette Allen
- March 10 Ted Greider
- March 11 Suzanne Lindley
- March 14 Gene Harmande
- March 17 Beverly Stenzel
- March 19 Ed Palilonis
- March 20 Jackie Alford
- March 21 Russ Johnston
- March 22 Shirley Long
- March 23 Betty Strader
- March 23 Carolyn Fowle
- March 25 Fran Nelson
- March 27 Lanny Thomas
- March 31 Will Ashby

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 Sue Stone or Maggie Rauschenberg 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.

Hunter Synan from Emerald Isle (He was our Parrot in the Parade)

Bob and Carolyn Fowle from Beaufort

Jason Stone from Asheville



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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!

FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING

[March 2nd at 7:30](#)

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

Music by Searce and Ketner

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

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