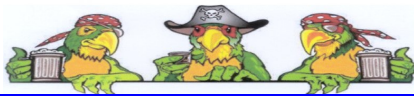


MARCH 2015 Edition

EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB



PARROT POOP

PARROT HEADS, GET YOUR GREEN ON!

For those Parrot Heads who stayed the course and braved the cold (unlike those who left town for warmer climates) you were rewarded with good company and fun times. For those of you who missed the February Phlocking celebration of Valentine/Heart Day, you missed one heck of a party with about 150 attending! The Emerald Club favored us with a grand assortment of chicken wings from Eddie at Piggly Wiggly complemented by various sweets prepared by our very own Parrot Heads. DJ Rob got us all on the dance floor with a variety of songs from the past to the present and dancing the Cupid Shuffle was a highlight! Oh Yeah! And how about the "Crazy Hearts" game and our talented participants? The lucky winning pair, Lindsey and Clint, won chocolates of course, and announced that they were recently married so we helped them celebrate! Our 50/50 winner and favorite bartender, Matt, won \$67. Since February represents National Heart Month, the American Heart Association was chosen as our charity and, after additional donations were made later, a contribution of \$80 was made. So if you missed the fun this month, don't worry, you can catch up at the next Phlocking on March 6!

There are lots of upcoming events, so make sure you check the Events section of the newsletter and mark them on your calendar.

Our club submitted our Annual Report ,and lo and behold we found out we are 10th in size of all the Clubs world wide! There are over 200 clubs and at 367 we top many larger cities. Right now (before we delete those who have moved on from our membership roles) we have exactly 400 members. What an amazing group of people.

Make sure you find us at the St. Patty's Day Festival on March 14th. There are a lot of us working the booths to welcome new members, help current members renew their membership and to help make sure the Riff Raff Raffle is a huge success. As you know, we alternate the charities we fundraise for and this year we have another new charity to highlight and support for St. Patty's Day.

We recently found out about a non-profit organization called **Family Promise of Carteret County** that works with single



moms with children, single dads with children and husbands and wives with children that have found themselves homeless. In the past The Parrot Head Club has provided support for Hope Mission (homeless shelter in Morehead City). which is only equipped to help homeless men. The Domestic Violence Program can only take women and children experiencing Domestic

Violence. Since Family Promise of Carteret County opened their doors in September of 2011, they have served over 500 homeless individuals, in 2014 the organization served 222 individuals, partnered with 15 host churches, 18 support churches, hundreds of volunteers with one full-time paid staff. Family Promise of Carteret County partners with local churches to provide weekly shelter for guests and a home cooked meal daily. During the day guests are transported to the Day Center, located at 3502 Elm St. Morehead City, there they get their children off to school, receive help finding jobs and applying for housing. Most of this is done by volunteers (and you know how valuable a steady source of volunteers can be). Family Promise of Carteret County does not receive federal, state or local government funding, all funding is provided by local communities of faith, individuals, clubs, local grants, and fundraising. **Recently they have been checking their inventory and found that they are in real need of the following: Twin sheets sets, pillows, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo and soap. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS TO DONATE, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE FIRST FRIDAY PHLOCKING , WE WILL HAVE A BOX THERE.**

Of course money is always needed for client services, such as having cars repaired, (many of the clients live in their cars), paying for phone cards, dentist visits, etc. There have even been times when they have had to put some clients in a nearby Motel when the program is full especially when the weather is bad.

I have included a bit more information taken from the Carteret Times News article from January 2013.

To address the growing number of homeless, churches and agencies banded together to start Family Promise, which allows homeless women, single parents with children and married families to stay in churches.

Families are housed on a rotating basis at 13 host churches in the county and use a day center at 3502 Elm St. in Morehead City for extra services during the day. More than 20 other churches provide additional support through various ways such as providing volunteers, transportation and financial support.

A maximum of 14 can be housed and fed at a host church in the evenings and return to the day center between 6:30 and 7 a.m. each day. The school system provides transportation to children from the day center.

Each church hosts families for one week. They then rotate through the 13 host churches over a three-month period, and then repeat the cycle up to one year.

While children go to school, adults either go to work or begin to receive intensive case management to identify what is preventing them from becoming self-sufficient. This is done through one-on-one counseling or meeting with local agencies that can assist them further.

Each participant has a plan developed to assist them, with graduates of the plan further assisted in setting up new homes. They are kept in contact with Family Promise for the next year.

Participants must take part in programs that address key life issues they face, which include: budgeting, daily life skills, stress management, communications, employment, parenting and nutrition. Family Promise collaborates with other community agencies to achieve this.

The day center provides non-working guests with a mailing address, phone and home base to conduct their housing search, care for pre-school children, seek employment opportunities, and advance their life skills or network with other social services agencies.

A van transports families without transportation to and from the day center. It also carries guests to scheduled appointments with local community agencies.

Those participating in the program are screened by agencies. No one with unmediated mental health issues, alcohol or drug addictions, or current legal or domestic violence issues can enter the program. If those entering the program are found in violation, they are asked to leave.

To volunteer or for more information, call at the center, 252-222-0019

To donate, send donations to Family Promise of Carteret County, 3502, Morehead City. N.C. 28557.

We are starting to post more information on Facebook (working on Twitter and Instagram) to keep you current. The Website has also undergone some changes and even though it is still a work in progress (seems to be a lot of that going around recently) it is worth it to check it out at emeraldisleparrotheads.com.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

March 6th : First Friday PHlocking at the Emerald Club 7:00 PM -

Wannabe Leprechauns Anne Schrott and Wendy Routson are going to get us all ready for the St Patty's Day Festival! There are two planned activities: Kilts and Limericks...Wings will be provided by the Emerald Club and Eddie from Piggly Wiggly Deli - All are encouraged to bring a snack or sweet to share. As usual, you will be able to buy T-shirts (until 8:30) and purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle. (the winner gets to pick the charity from a list and scores 50% of the take...really you don't have to donate it back...)

So, friends "Get your Green on" and then, Erin go get your bra; better yet, men grab your kilts and then be ready to line up for a BEST LEGS contest. (You define kilt)! There will be Limerick readings, and yes, the group will vote and reward the best one...are there any "clean limericks"? We'll see! Hope that you are looking forward to being Irish for a night! See you there.

March 7th: Hoop Pole Creek Cleanup – 10 AM to Noon - Coordinator: Jean

Jensen. Morning trail and woods litter pick up/cleanup at Hoop Pole Creek near the Food Lion in Atlantic Beach in coordination with NC Coastal Federation. Sign up at the February or March PHlocking or email Jean at belguimboy@aol.com

March 14th (Saturday) The Emerald Isle St. Patty's Day Festival. Coordinators :Jason Holland & Ken & Sue Stone. We will have a Riff Raff Raffle where we have up to 20 items (donations from Parrot Heads and local merchants) and folks buy tickets and put them in the basket of the item(s) they want to win. If you have an item to donate, let me know as soon as possible. This year's proceeds from the raffle will be donated to a new local agency in Morehead City : **Family Promise of Carteret County**. Please see page 1 and 2 to learn about the important work this agency does.

April 11: Adopt a Highway Pickup: Coordinator: Jean Jensen. Leave the E Club parking lot at 11:00 to pick up litter along a one mile stretch of Hwy. 58 from Rte. 24 to the bridge and a small section after the bridge. Usually takes 2 hours and nets 30 bags of trash. Supervised children are invited to help. Possible prize for strangest trash? Email Jean at belguimboy@aol.com or sign up at the March or April PHlocking.

April 16th Thursday - New Member Social: 6 - 8 at Scallywags in Cedar Point)

Coordinators: Maggie Rauschenberg & Sue Stone - Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and plenty of fun and good conversation. All newer members are individually invited and "experienced/seasoned" members should attend so they can meet and mingle with newbies in a relaxed atmosphere. A great way to get to know your fellow Parrot Heads. Be sure to add it to your calendar.

May 15: Saturday - Beach Bicycle Poker Run: Coordinators: 2 needed with sub coordinators. This is a major fundraiser (netted \$6300 last year donated to Semper Fi Children's Camp and mentoring and had 217 participants) and requires a great deal of planning, coordination, and work, with lots of folks involved in it. Donations for raffles, prizes, solicitation and liaison to 5-6 stops, publicity, registration team, card sharks, T shirt sales, poker hand judges, bike decorating judges, raffle

sales, set up and liaison with E Club, charity liaison, flyer and publicity distribution, photographer, thank you letters to sponsors, printing, money boxes and change, categories for bike decorations etc., etc. Sue Stone has team instructions from previous years. Registration begins at 12:30, bike decoration at 1:45, ride starts at 2:00, ends at 6:00 followed by food music, cash prizes, and raffle winners. \$20 per person registration. Poker Run Stops buy in at \$200. Suggested charity: Semper Fi Odyssey Children's Adventure Camp and Mentoring. We are looking for suggestions for bike decorating categories and if you have an idea (Parrot Head, Beach, Jimmy Buffett related) go to our website at emeraldisleparrot-heads.com to learn more. **Email your ideas to info@emeraldisleparrotheads.com**

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

One of the things we can do as Parrot Heads is to support and assist fundraising events in our area. Sometimes it means we hold a fund raising event for a specific charity, sometimes we supply volunteer labor (and of course Party with a Purpose attitude) and sometimes we participate in the event . With that said, here are a few opportunities to help the community at large. With all that is happening, pick one that fits in your busy schedules. Please use the contact information listed to volunteer.

March 28th Saturday - Sponsored by the Emerald Isle Business

Association - The goal of the Emerald Isle Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K is to give back to our community and local charities. 50% of proceeds will benefit the Emerald Isle Multi Use path and 50% will benefit the American Heart Association. They need volunteers to help with set up and operation of the event as well as participants. If you can't run in the race, think about volunteering. Contact Bryson McLean @jbmclean@ec.rr.com or Candace Dooley @gmail.com. To participate in the race go to active.com, or go to their website at emeraldislerun.com. We will also have a sign up sheet at the March PHlocking that will be provided to the organizers.

May 2 Saturday Bike The Banks - Crystal Coast/Lighthouse Challenge - Sponsored by the EI Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Com-

mittee t Start/Finish Emerald Isle Town Hall - Three rides of different distances to choose from 1. to the NC Aquarium (20 miles, 2. to Fort Macon (35 miles) or to Cape Lookout (75 miles) Registration is \$40. Pre-registered riders receive t-shirt Questions? Email Mike Taylor at mrt@ec.rr.com to volunteer. For more information or to register to participate go to www.active.com???

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 and welcomes; find 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.

William & Debbie McKinney from Morehead City

Rachel Adams from Hubert NC

Anissa Peoples from Emerald Isle NC

Janet and Kelly Lewis from Cape Carteret NC

Deb and Earl Black from Emerald Isle NC

Wendy Coppola from Newport NC

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

We will hopefully be collecting a mere \$10 per person for 2015 for your continued membership. Remember, we do not pro rate the memberships. (however if you joined late in the year please check with me to see if you owe for 2015). We will have the membership roster available at the St. Patty's Day booth and the March PHlocking and make sure that when you pay, you check your address, email and phone numbers to make sure they are current and up to date. No inflation, same price this year and a lot more fun for 2015. If you won't be at the PHlocking or at St. Patty's Day Festival, you have until March 31st to pay your dues. You can mail me the dues at 9701 Ashley Place, Emerald Isle or catch up with me before the end of March. At the end of March, we purge the membership listing and if you missed the deadline, you will need to fill out another membership form. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again as members in 2015.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

For the MARCH 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 MARCH Birthday birds a happy birthday. Coupon may only be used at the birthday month PHlocking.

Everette K. Grissom	March 1
Craig Linker	March 2
Christopher Bach	March 3
Carol Poe	March 3
Joy Bailey	March 4
Wade Viverette	March 6
Kathy Pope	March 8
Kris Shoffner	March 8
Mary Passey	March 9
Mike Campbell	March 10
Karen Jost	March 11
Tom Henderson	March 12
Patricia Kennedy	March 13
Connie Leuthauser	March 13
Kelley Maroules	March 13
Judy Adams	March 14
Gene Harmande	March 14
Beverly Stenzel	March 17
Austin Davis	March 18
Cindy Parisher	March 18
Mike DeFlorio	March 22
Shirley Long	March 22
Betty Strader	March 23
Kris Plum	March 25
Raquel Clark	March 27
Lanny Thomas	March 27
April Hardee	March 28
Kim Waterhouse	March 28
Anne Schrott	March 29
Edward Schneider	March 30
Julia Weber	March 30
Will Ashby	March 31



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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.

Don't forget to become a friend of our Club on Facebook too!

FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING

March 6th at 7:00 PM

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

DJ Robbie Jones playing

your favorite tunes

Free Food (wings) from the Emerald Club catered by Eddie Peterson from the Piggly Wiggly Deli, bring a wee-something to share!

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