



# PARROT POOP

## ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO.....

As usual, our Spring is off to a good start. Our First Friday PHlocking in March was a sea of green at the Emerald Club! Everybody decked out, and the Limerick contest was hilarious! All of the limericks were personalized and dedicated to some of our favorite Parrot-heads! There was a tie for the winning Limerick, Jesse Holland, Bobbi Raub and Betty Strader. Congratulations ladies! A last minute entry was recited by Joel Dunn, who also won for his ability to memorize. Leonard Crumpler won the 50-50 raffle with \$81 going to Leonard's charity of choice, domestic violence.

Janice Harrell lead us in the Shamrock Shuffle, The dance floor filled up quickly and it was soooo much fun! You can find Janice every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at Salt if you want to get your dance moves on.

Thanks to Mike and Pat for the chicken wings, chili and for always making us feel welcome!

We had a splendid showing at the Annual Hoop Pole Creek Clean up this year helping out the Coastal Federation on March 7th . It was a great success. Thanks to Jean Jensen for organizing. We had a total of 28 parrot heads participating including parrot heads visiting from Virginia. (friends of Jack and Renee). The weather cooperated nicely and afterwards 19 of us Parrot Heads had a delicious lunch at the Monkey Bar Café'. We thank

everyone who made it a great success. We even had 3 "parakeets" helping and they were great at getting in all the places that had litter that us older, less nimble folks found challenging. Jagger and Jansen



Holland and their friend Pete did an awesome job; great to see them concerned about all the littler we found! We had quite an array of boot attire; go to the next page to see if you can guess who belongs to which boots?

The St. Patty's Day Booth got off to a great start, decorated to the hilt, lots of helpers and fabulous raffle options. Thanks to all the Parrot Heads and businesses that donated items. The rain did slow down sales a bit this year, but we hung in there until around 3 and then the skies opened up big time, so we drew names early and ran for cover. Sorry about not notifying the shift coming in next, I could not find the list with numbers on it. We were still pretty successful and raised \$621 for the Family Promise of

Carteret County, serving homeless families. The check arrived just as they were told they were operating in a deficit so we got many thanks and they were ever so grateful.

We will spend a great deal of time in April getting ready for our biggest fundraiser The 12th Annual Beach Bicycle Poker Run on May 16th! Lots more information will follow but make sure you save the date and start working on those bicycle decorating/costume ideas.....drum roll please.....this years categories are:

Surfing in a Hurricane, Beach House on the Moon, and Natives are Restless Tonight. So look up those song lyrics to get some ideas flowing and get ready for a little friendly competition.



**Thanks to all who have paid their dues or who will pay them by the PHlocking. If not, this will be your last newsletter and we will miss you, but hope to see you around town. You are welcome back anytime but you will need to fill out a new application. Life gets busy and many of us have way too much to choose from on how to spend our time.**

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](http://emeraldisleparrotheads.com).

## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

### April 3rd : First Friday PHlocking at the Emerald Club 7:00 PM -

Do you believe in the Easter Bunny? Well, we will find out at our next phlocking, April 3 at 7 p.m. Wear your favorite "bunny tail." There will be a contest so be creative and ready to "show it off." Donna Grady and Sandy Rockenhauser are sponsoring this Easter celebration and they have lots of fun stuff planned, including "the jelly beans jar," "pin the tail on the bunny," and who knows what else? Of course, there will be plenty of dancing and the "bunny hop" is a must! The Emerald Club is providing wings but feel free to bring "nibble" food for the bunnies. Be sure to have money for the 50/50 raffle. It may be your lucky night and you can sponsor your favorite charity with half.

**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](mailto:belguimboy@aol.com) or sign up at the April PHlocking.

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

Coordinators: Maggie Rauschenberg & Sue Stone - Light hors d'oeuvres (cheese, fruit and wings etc.) 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. We will have a sign up sheet at the PHlocking.

**May 16: Saturday - Beach Bicycle Poker Run:** 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., Registration begins at 12:30, bike decoration final judging at 1:45, ride starts at 2:00, ends at 5:00 followed by food, music, cash prizes, and raffle winners. \$20 per person registration. Poker Run Stops buy in at \$200. This years charity: Semper Fi Odyssey Children's Adventure Camp and Mentoring. This years categories for bicycle decorating and costumes— Surfing in a Hurricane, Beach House on the Moon, and Natives are Restless tonight. To help out Email [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com) or sign up at the April and May PHlockings. If you don't feel you can ride the ride, we always need people to be Card Sharks. All the other jobs allow you to participate in the event. **NEW THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE "STAFF" T-SHIRTS FOR WORKERS TO WEAR WHILE ON THE JOB AS A THANK YOU.**

**Saturday June 20, the Alzheimer's Association Longest Day:** Coordinator is Susan Smith—email [susan.seadreams@gmail.com](mailto:susan.seadreams@gmail.com) or phone 301-802-2121. This event is a sanctioned event by our club and we are encouraging our members to partici-

pate. The event will take place to honor the strength, passion and endurance of those facing Alzheimer's disease. From sunrise to sunset, family and friends impacted by this disease will be walking the beach in Emerald Isle, NC to raise awareness and funds for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. In addition there will be a kick off ceremony at Emerald Plantation at 9am and a sunset ceremony at the Western Regional access at 7pm. There is a raffle that will be drawn at the Sunset ceremony-prizes include a framed Cathy Martin sea turtle photograph and a signed copy of Nicholas Sparks book, "The Notebook" What is needed for the Longest Day event would be people who want to walk the beach in a one hour time block, carrying a flag and handing out info on Alzheimer's Association. They will then pass on the flag to the next group. Val Johnson and April Hardy both participated last year. Individuals or groups can volunteer for an hour or longer. There is no charge for anyone to participate if they do not want to, but if someone has a strong connection they can "join the team" which is a \$20 fee and includes a t-shirt. Would like to ask anyone participating to wear purple (the signature color for Alzheimer's).

Our Parrot Head Board is also working on two more brand new events, not sure of the timing but stay tuned for a Mini Golf Tournament and a Flamingo House PHlocking Campaign!!!

## **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.

### **April 17th 12 pm - Golf Tournament - Gateway, Western Carteret**

**Community Alliance** fundraiser to support a bike path in Cape Carteret. \$5,000 Hole in One, open to all Golfers. Team fee \$240 for 4 players. Includes Greens Fee & Cart and free Pig Picking after tournament. Tournament information - 252-622-2563. Tickets available at Sound Bank in Cedar Point, Shorewood Real Estate, EI, or Mail Payment to Gateway PO Box 5405, Emerald Isle, NC 28594. Checks payable to Gateway. Our Parrot Head Club is sponsoring a hole for \$100 and our President James Hicks is on the Gateway Committee as a Parrot Head representative.

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

- Start/Finish Emerald Isle Town Hall - Three round trip 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](mailto:mrt@ec.rr.com) to volunteer. For registration and more information go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

## 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.

Candice Combs	4/24
Valerie Johnson	4/24
Matt Morel	4/24
Loekie Smith	4/24
Craig Burnell	4/25
James Hicks	4/25

Phyllis Harke	4/1
Tom Jones	4/1
Janice Wolfe-Easley	4/4
Ross Eason	4/11
Tracy Hodge	4/11
Wendy Merrill	4/13
Alli Sargent	4/13
Bill Winslow	4/13
Sharon Banks	4/14
Fred Switzer	4/15
Betty White	4/17
Kay Currie	4/18
Jeff Jones	4/19
Chris Parisher	4/20
Laura Price	4/20
Tommy Campbell	4/21
Ty Cannon	4/22
John Jones	4/23
Mystie Turnage	4/23
Joe White	4/23
Nina Wicker	4/23

## 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.

Pat & Brenda Payne from Emerald Isle  
Fred & Lori Switzer from Farmdale  
Eddie & Donna Robinson from Greenville  
Wendy & Jim Stebbins from Havelock  
John Abood from Cary  
Susan Smith from Emerald Isle  
William & Debbie McKinney from Morehead City  
Becki Newsome from Swansboro  
Mary Ethel McCorkle from Emerald Isle  
Joseph Alford from Stafford, Virginia



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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**

**April 3rd 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**

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