

FEBRUARY 2014 Edition

## EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB



# PARROT POOP

### THE PHLOCK HAS BEEN PHLUFFED

I'm gonna go back and forth in time in this edition starting with our most recent happenings....and that is the PHluff up the PHlock/ Annual Reorganization meeting that was held on January 27th. We had approximately 35 folks who stepped up to give us a hand in planning for the Club for 2014. I have attached (in the letter transmitting the newsletter email version) a listing of the 2014 Board and Co-Chairs for the committees that has contact information. On the back page of each newsletter, I always include the current Board members and contact information. Please welcome Jason Holland as your new Vice President and thank Jean Jensen for all his hard work. We plan on making sure he stays active with the club. We also had some changes in the Members at Large positions. We give Kip Baker, Ray Gollihue and Kathy Ruge a huge thanks for serving on the Board and welcome Betty Strader, Jen Heath and Jessi Holland and know they will have fun in their new roles.

We had some great discussions, and some great food as well. (We had so many healthy choice options as a lot of folks are working on getting ready for bathing suit weather....yeah, right, hard to think about with this crazy weather.) We have some tentative dates for some of our major activities so mark your calendars with the dates we have listed in "What's Up?" I would love to have people send me information on other community events and fund-raisers and hope to include activities we can support either by volunteering or participating.

### PARROT HEAD FLOAT WINS TWICE!!



We had so much fun building our float for the annual Emerald Isle Christmas Parade and even more fun riding "The Parrot Head Express" and it's train cars throwing out candy and bling, blasting Christmas and train related tunes with a parrot, pirate, and shark running alongside, and of course our now infamous flash mob dance. (We did lose the Parrot and Pirate on the way back....but we eventually found them).



The Flash mob dance was so awesome and we had so many Parrot Heads who were watching and had been "trained" for the event. The judges were in shock. We set the bar a bit higher for everyone





Flash Mob dance for the El Parade.....

else. There were around 40 or so Parrot Heads who worked on the float in some way and probably just as many who rode and/or danced. What a hoot, and sweet that we won the generous first prize of \$250 which we sent to The Humane Society Shelter after drawing their name from a hat full of local charity names. There were so many Parrot Heads who helped out in many different ways and they know who they are. Thank you to each and every one. In the corporate world, this would be called a Team Building activity but we can call it the ultimate

continuous fall Sunday party, with food, grog, paint, wood, tools etc. We have no idea how we top this year's float. We were so popular that we had several requests to "travel" to the Morehead City Parade on December 14th. Despite the poor weather forecast, the train and it's cars made it there dry, and although we did get some rain, it did not stop us from having a great time and taking the Grand Marshall award for a \$100 prize. After this parade, we went to Mac Daddy's for some warm food and a little fun with Santa.



Jim Tuttle, making the wheels turn.



Was Ken a cheerleader in a former life?



Santa helps us recover from the Morehead City Christmas Parade.

For our \$100 cash prize, we talked with Renee Synan (member at large) and she had a student in her 7th grade math class in Morehead where she teaches who needed a little something for Christmas. So, pooling the \$100 cash prize and \$295 in private donations ( and a donation of hair cuts as well) from Parrot Head friends, Renee took this young lady shopping and reported back about the difference Parrot Head generosity made it this young lady's life. Thank you Parrot Heads.

At our annual Christmas/holiday party First Friday PHlocking at The Emerald Club we had tons of tasty grub from members and the E Club, and solid tunes from our best buds Searce & Ketner, and we were all truly into the holiday spirit (and outside at the E-Club) While everyone brought a dish to share, Mike and Pat Haut of the E-Club also had food brought in so no one was hungry. Aside from the fun and frolic of some games and a Christmas hat contest, (winner Natalie Crumpler) we raffled off a Father Christmas made by our own proud Parrot Head Marsha Horner and raised \$212 that was donated to Martha's Mission Food Pantry. Everyone also brought in piles of non- perishable food items that were delivered to the local food pantry (thanks to Chuck and Jane Sewell) and a van full of toys that were donated to Toys for Tots (thanks for arranging Bob and Marsha Horner). Generous, generous folks trying to help out. Horners connected with the Marines and they were amazed at how much we collected. Sewells dropped off the food to Martha's Mission and got many thanks in return. Thanks to all who made this a fun and successful party with a purpose!

Our January First Friday PHlocking was a great time to catch up on all the holiday fun Parrot Heads had DJ music and lots of food,laughter and good friends. We started collecting membership dues and will continue to do so through March. More on that later.

## DO Y'ALL LIKE TO TRAVEL?????

What could be better than a group of Parrot Heads traveling together? In the future, I will try to put in a few opportunities from other Parrot Head Clubs that are open to other clubs, or if you are getting a group together I can put in contact information. This edition, there are two "plan ahead" opportunities.

Every November (first weekend) the National Parrot Head Organization puts together a convention in Key West that is outstanding and so much fun. Ken and I have gone twice and the music venues, street fairs and gatherings of Parrot Heads from around the world is something every Parrot Head should do at least once. All you have to do, to get details is to go to PHIP.com and use the drop down list to find

MOTM (Meeting of the Minds). They have a different theme every year and this year it is Havana Daydreaming, 10/29-11/2/14. Anyone interested? Email me at [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com).

Kelley Nelson is working with Go Ahead Tours and the Carteret Community College (same company we went on for Italy and thought was wonderful) for a trip. Kelley has set up a trip to the Galapagos Islands, Equador and Machu Picchu. A 10-16 day tour on March 23, 2015. If you are interested, check out [parrotheadgoaheadtour.grouptoursite.com](http://parrotheadgoaheadtour.grouptoursite.com)

Call Kelley at 252-723-4624 for more information.



## **WHAT'S UP NEXT? (print this out and hang it up!!)**

### **February 7th (Friday)- First Friday PHlocking 7 PM at the Emerald Club.**

We will have free food and since Dickey Scarce is still getting his shoulder back in shape after surgery we will be having DJ music at this PHlocking. We will be celebrating Valentines Day a little early. Wear red (it can be anything...use your imagination) and be ready for some fun activities. We will be collecting membership dues until 8:30 and T-shirts will be available from 7-8.

### **March 1st (Saturday) 10-12—NC Coastal Federation Hoop Pole Creek Litter**

**Pickup.** This event takes place at Atlantic Station in Atlantic Beach and is a great way to contribute to a healthy environment. **We need volunteers for this event and there will be a sign up sheet at the February PHlocking or email me at stonesend@gmail.com if you can help.** We always have a fun time and usually go out to lunch together afterwards.

### **March 7th (Friday) - First Friday PHlocking 7 PM at the Emerald Club**

**March 15th (Saturday) 9-5 - Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival -** We will again have a Parrot Head Booth and try to raise awareness of what the Parrot Heads are all about. We recruit new members, give out bling, wear fun costumes, and hold our now famous Riff-Raff Raffle where folks buy tickets and put them in the basket of the item they want to win. We usually have about 15 items donated by local merchants and businesses and talented Parrot Heads. It is fun to have 15 winners! We need volunteers to staff the booth in 2 hour shifts and help in getting items donated for the raffle. Jason Holland (your new vice president) and Ken Stone are heading up this event. **If you can get your hands on an item to donate (we like to have the value \$15 or above for each item) and/or can help staff the booth, please email Ken at stonesend@gmail.com. There will be a sign up sheet at the February and March PHlocking as well.** Last year we raised \$1000 for Domestic Violence Programs. Jason and Ken will be deciding what charity we will support this year and we will let y'all know what it will be soon.

**April 5th (Saturday) 11 am - Adopt a Highway Pickup -** We do this twice a year and pick up litter along a 1 mile stretch from the intersection of 24 and 58 to the bridge. **We will get a sign up sheet closer to the date but if you know you can help, contact Jean Jensen at belguimboy@aol.com or give him a call at 607-759-7158.**

**April 10th (Thursday) tentative date for New Member Social -** Evening cocktails at a local location. Everyone is invited so new members can meet some of the more "seasoned" members and learn more about the club. It is always informal and a great chance to get to know other club members in a setting that works for conversations. Location and time to be determined. Maggie Raushenberg and Sue Stone and Jean Jensen will head up this event.

**April 12th (Saturday) - Scavenger Hunt (tentative date)** A 2 hour, town-wide scavenger hunt (I forget how many years we have done this). Starts and ends at the Emerald Club in the afternoon. We are looking for 2 coordinators to head up the planning. There are 2 levels of volunteering, one group will do the clues and prizes and cannot participate (other than total gut wrenching laughter) and the other group does registration and other planning and can participate in the event. If you have never done this, make sure you save the date and plan on joining us. I guarantee it is a fun (and VERY competitive) event.

**May 17th (Saturday) - Beach Bicycle Poker Run (save the date)** - This is our major fundraiser for the year and not to be missed. More details later but we will need lots of volunteers for this one.

**June** - Nothing planned yet, maybe a golf tournament.

**July** - Nothing planned as yet but ideas being discussed.

**August 3 (Sunday) Anniversary Party at Pelican Island**

**September - (Sunday) The Coast is Clear Under the Pier Party - Date to be announced**

**Stay tuned for more events and dates and details as the Activity Committee works on ideas.**

## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS**

**February 19,(Wednesday) 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - EMPTY BOWLS** - This annual event raises money to feed the hungry and is very popular. Carteret Community College, local potters, high school students, art classes and area restaurants team up for this event in an effort to raise money for Hope Missions and Martha's Mission Food Pantry. The \$20 tickets will be available at Cape Carteret Aquatic and Fitness Center, Handscapes Gallery in Beaufort and Webb Memorial Library in Morehead City.

**February 28th and March 1st - NC Coastal Federation - The Seafood Shellebration** will kick-off on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with a wine tasting and seafood pairing at the White Oak River Bistro. Tickets for the wine tasting event are \$40 for Federation members and \$50 for non-members. Then on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., progressive seafood tastings will be offered at various restaurants and establishments in downtown Swansboro including Bake, Bottle & Brew, Icehouse Waterfront Restaurant, Saltwater

Grill, Trattoria Gourmet Pizza and Italian Cuisine and others. Some of the shops, including Lovely's Boutique, will also be providing free gift items or discounts.

Tickets for the Saturday progressive seafood tastings are \$40 per person for federation members and \$50 for non-members and should be paid for in advance by following the registration link below.

The Seafood Shellebration will also include entertainment and educational activities at the Pug Pavilion at Olde Town Square on Saturday, March 1st. Lots of fun scheduled, check local papers of the NC Coastal Federation website. Volunteers are needed for the federation's education booth and to distribute the progressive seafood tasting tickets. Please contact Lexia Weaver at [lexiaw@nccoast.org](mailto:lexiaw@nccoast.org) if you would like to help.

**March 29th (Saturday) Emerald Isle Half-Marathon & 5K Race** Through January 23, more than 280 runners have signed up for the Half-Marathon, and there are almost 100 runners for the 5K Race! The entry fee for the Half-Marathon is \$65. The entry fee for the 5K Race is \$35. You can do this! What better place to achieve your personal fitness goals than beautiful Emerald Isle on a nice spring day at the beach! Make it a fun family weekend! So far I know that Jason Holland, your new Vice President has entered, why not join him?

Proceeds benefit the Emerald Isle Multi Use Path network! Go to the website [www.emeraldislerun.com](http://www.emeraldislerun.com) for more information.

## **\$\$ MONEY\$\$**

**It's time again to ante up and pay your 2014 dues.** Once again we are inflation free and it will only set you back \$10 per person for the year; it has been the same dues since the Club was started back in 2002. We know interests and availability change for folks from year to year but if you would like to continue to be involved with this great group of folks who Party with a Purpose please renew your membership before the end of March. This year our Club raised over \$10,000 in funds (and donated goods) for charity. (for the most part the money stays local) Please help me out and renew at the next two PHlockings (7-8:30) or mail your check to EIPHC at 9701 Ashley Place, Emerald Isle, NC 28594. Make checks out to EIPHC. Once the end of March arrives, I delete unpaid members from the database and you will have to fill out a new membership form to become a member again. It really is not a good use of time to delete and then add someone back in (we are up to 354 members as of today), so give it your best shot to renew by the end of March.

## **SALE...SORT OF**

The cost of T-shirts has gone up and it pains us to say that that future t-shirts will cost \$15 each instead of \$10. But wait, you can still get a t-shirt for \$10 from our existing stock. The t-shirts we have will be available for \$10 at the February PHlocking and after that the price for the new shirts will be \$15 to cover costs. I am not sure what is left in inventory, but if you still want a Club t-shirt at rock bottom prices, this may be your only chance. We only sell the t-shirts from 7-8 PM so whomever is selling them can relax and enjoy the PHlocking.

## 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, Sue Stone or Jean Jensen and get your welcome "lei". Of course, the best way for new members to become part of the Club is to volunteer for activities.

### NEW MEMBERS

Anne Schroit from Baltimore, MD

Robert & Marcy Pearson from Emerald Isle

Lauren & Eric Bressler from Haymarket, VA

Tommy Campbell from Greensboro

Wendy & Clint Routson from Emerald Isle

James & Patricia Weaver from East Freedom, PA

### COMMITTEE INFO

We now have committee chairs and co-chairs for our committees, Membership, Technology, PHlocking and Activities. If you would like to help out and volunteer for any of the committees, just contact one of the chairs. The listing of chairs and co-chairs is an attachment to the email transmitting this newsletter. The committees are in the process of writing up all the notes from the PHlocking and I will send out the summary of the PHlocking in the next few weeks so you can see what we are up to. Remember, this is your club, let's make it what you want it to be!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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| Candie Wilson    | February ?  |
| Jane Allen       | February 2  |
| Sue Stone        | February 4  |
| Janice Luttner   | February 5  |
| Joan Gerdson     | February 6  |
| Ashton Mayne     | February 10 |
| Jan Dunn         | February 11 |
| Michael Lincoln  | February 14 |
| Rebecca Schiebel | February 14 |
| Bill Justice     | February 15 |
| Tim Randall      | February 16 |
| Marcia McMahan   | February 18 |
| Alice Fowler     | February 20 |
| Debra Pontenberg | February 20 |
| Deborah Styron   | February 20 |
| Mendy Barrow     | February 20 |
| Gary Hardee      | February 21 |
| Vickie Burgess   | February 22 |
| Kerri Yancey     | February 23 |
| Mike Haut        | February 23 |
| Judy Blunk       | February 23 |
| Jan Hicks        | February 24 |



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**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!

##### **Like us on Facebook:**

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING**

**FEBRUARY 7th 7:00**

**AT THE EMERALD CLUB**

**Free Food from the Emerald Club and prepared by Eddie of Piggly Wiggly.**

**Spare Change plays at 10 PM**

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