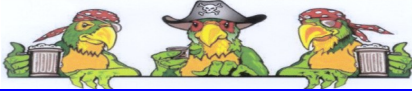


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EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB

PARROT POOP

THE PHLOCK HAS BEEN PHLUFFED

Well, I always think it will be slow in January for the Parrot Heads but y'all surprised me this year. Our January PHlocking, thought you would all be worn out from the "holiday" but nooooo not the Parrot Heads. The PHlocking was packed and we had DJ Robbie Jones playing loud enough for us to get our happy feet on but not so loud we couldn't talk. We had some new members and some "old" members who paid some dues, lots of conversation and it was great to see our friends (and future friends) having fun.

We held our annual "planning meeting", (yes we do have a meeting once in a while), on January 14th, the PHluff up the PHlock Meeting. We were fortunate to have permission to use the beach rental home of Lois and Gene Harmande (Colorado based sister of Pretty Marj) for the gathering as we have gotten too big for most of our homes. Thank you, thank you, thank you Lois and Gene. We had about 35 Parrot Heads show up with food and drink and lots of ideas. We broke into groups, kicked some new and old ideas around, and set dates and made plans for our major activities for the year. I have included most of these in the "What's Up" section and you can print them out or mark the dates on your calendar. Consider it a save the date effort. I have attached reports (in the email sending this newsletter) from 3 of the break out groups and the 2014 Annual report that we sent to National so

you can see how busy we were in 2014 and see what we have planned for 2015. Highlights of changes include: using DJ Robbie Jones for most of the PHlockings with some slide show pictures of Parrot Heads through the years. Mike will be letting us know in advance what we can expect in the way of free food, he will be scaling back at our request and we may be supplementing this with items that we will bring that are related to the PHlocking theme that month. The Tech committee has been hard at work adding some things to the website that will make it easier for you to keep up with Parrot Head life and also make it easier to keep our membership roster updated. One really fun thing that they are experimenting with is a member roster with basic info (name and town) with the ability to upload your own picture. We think this will help in facial recognition; you will have a name to go with that face that you think you know and we think it may provide an opportunity to car pool with folks from the same areas of town. We will be switching to a Post Office Mailbox, using Facebook and other social media to keep y'all informed and we are looking at local membership cards if we can get some local merchants to offer some discounts to Parrot Heads. The National Program has been discontinued. The PHlocking committee has some crazy ideas for themes for this year's PHlockings so plan on a new level of fun. If you want some more details, check out the attachments. As always, if you have an idea for an activity (fund raising or fun raising) talk to your board mem-

bers and be ready to help with the planning. We are limited only by the need to have coordinators for the activities.

In the middle of planning the “PHluffing” we learned that a young local woman needed some help in her fight for cancer. The Hope for Holly event (January 17th) developed in a short time, spearheaded by some of her friends in town. Travis Holland, Mike and Pat Haut and Matt Morel threw together a yard sale and BBQ. There was a rapid and amazing response from the community and before they knew it, there was a donated storage trailer in the parking lot of the E-Club and people kept offering gift certificates and donating items to sell. Well, everyone in town seems to know that the Parrot Heads are always willing to help and we put out a call for free labor to help with the event. I sort of lost track but think we had about 35 people (probably more) who helped in one way or another. There was some on line bidding via Facebook on some of the items but as the donations increased, we offered to help set up a Silent Auction to get the most from the donated items and services. So by Friday afternoon, we had Linda McGowen step up to coordinate the auction and along with Beth Browder, Sue Stone, Doris Speicher, and Beth Wynne, we got organized and set up a work schedule. Thanks to all who helped keep watch and answer questions for this activity (George & Christina Winslow, Trish Sullivan, Catherine Campbell) Outside we had a ton of Parrot Heads, (you know who you are but I did not keep track) who sorted clothing, took money, sold raffle tickets, served BBQ plates, answered questions and even helped clean up. The bands that played donated the cover charges and all sorts of good things came about from this amazing fundraiser. You gotta love living in a small town where “everybody knows your name”. Thanks one and all! Although the organizers have decided to keep the total amount private to respect the family, we do know it was over \$10,000. Parrot Heads came through big time once again.

As we get ready for the warmer weather (yes, it is only 4-6 weeks away), start thinking about volunteering for the St. Patty’s Day Festival and our Parrot Head Booth. The sign up for volunteers will be at the PHlocking and we are almost set (need help later in the day). We really need to start securing donations of raffle items (see What’s Up for more details). So far we have a handmade wreath donated by Jane Sewell, a basket of fun from Rita Babich and a hand carved bird from Ken Stone. We will take items from merchants or Parrot Heads. Also get your thinking caps on (something my mother used to say) and help come up with some Bike Decorating categories for the Beach Bicycle Poker Run. The Tech Committee is working on a way to allow you to submit suggestions on the website...so stay tuned.

If you have a fundraiser event for a local non-profit that you would like to let folks know about, if you write it up, I can put it in the newsletter.

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?

February 6th - First Friday PHlocking 7 p.m. Emerald Club

Hosts: Jan and James Hicks (janhicks2014@gmail.com)

Let's celebrate the joy of having loved ones! In their honor, RED Day means you need to wear your favorite red and white (pink will work also). Cover your body from head to toe or just one item will do, but be ready to pay a price if you don't have red or pink displayed and receive a reward if you do! Our DJ Rob will have a variety of tunes (sprinkled with love songs) to treat us. There will be a game for those of you who love a challenge and our usual 50/50 raffle. And of course, you can't celebrate having a valentine(s) without something sweet on hand! So, to celebrate further we need a table/buffet full of cookies/sweets from your favorite recipe. For those of you who would like to contribute, please contact Jan Hicks at janhicks2014@gmail.com, or just bring it to the event! The E Club will be serving wings to compliment! Bring your sweetheart, loved one, family or friend and celebrate with us!

March 7th: Hoop Pole Creek Cleanup – 9 AM - 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 belquimboy@aol.com

March 14th (Saturday) The Emerald Isle St. Patty's Day Festival. Coordinators :Jason Holland & Ken 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. We will be talking about who will be the recipient of the raffle in the next few months. If you have an item to donate, let me know as soon as possible. The sign up sheet to work a shift will be at the PHlocking or you can email Maggie Rauschenberg at Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com to add your name to the list. We have some slots filled but really need help the second half of the day. Charity to be announced.

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 belquimboy@aol.com or sign up at the March or April PHlocking.

New Member Social: Thursday April 16th (time and place to be announced) Coordinators: Maggie Rauschenberg & Sue Stone - Evening cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres a little fun and conversation. All recent new members are individually invited and "experienced/seasoned" members should attend so they can meet and mingle with newbies in a relaxed atmosphere.

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 will announce the bike decorating categories soon.

August 2nd - Sunday 1 PM - PH Anniversary Pelican Island Party: Coordinators: 2 needed. Coordinate island use with Russ Davis, secure band (Scearce & Ketner), purchase food & paper goods and secure grills, boat shuttle transportation, swimming area, set up & clean-up before and after event, arrange rain date if necessary. An afternoon in the sun on Pelican Island; no fundraising, just fun.

September: (tentative date September 19th The Coast is Clear

Under the Pier Beach Party. Coordinators: Michael Moyer, Mendy Barrows. Beach party to celebrate return of the beaches to the locals held to the left of the Pier near the Cedar St. lot with food (hot dogs, chips, condiments provided, other food & beverages brought by PHolks), games, raffles, beach fun. Need help with set up and clean up, food purchase & prep, set up & organize games, raffle donations, sell raffle tickets.

October 2nd and 3rd PHall PHestival with Divas Run for the Roses (Breast Cancer Fundraiser) and Apple Butter Making & Sale. Coordinators: Renee Synan, Jack Synan, Jessie Holland, Jan Hicks. Peel apples at the October PHlocking, Divas 1K Walk (\$5-\$10 registration; children welcome) from Flipperz to E Club & back in the AM, apple butter making & partying all day with sale at the end of the day. Prizes for pink costumes. Need to coordinate with Flipperz & E Club, register walkers, secure breast cancer info & bags, build & set up goal line; stir, can, sell apple butter. Raised \$1700 in 2014.

October (date to be determined...maybe 10/18/15) Beach Sweep and

Adopt a Highway Coordinators; Jean Jensen (Adopt a Hwy.), Val & Steve Johnson (Beach Sweep). For 2015, we coordinate the 2 pickups with a crew doing the Hwy. pickup near the bridge in the morning on land and a crew with boats doing a cleanup of the islands in the Intercoastal. Need to get volunteers with boats and arrange transportation for the Beach sweep crew. Secure bags, gloves, etc. for both events. Arrange for disposal of trash (dump and E Club dumpster). Lunch afterwards for those who want to participate. Possible picnic on Pelican Island for boat crews.

November: Float Building Sessions & E.I. Christmas Parade.

Coordinators: 2 needed. Set up Sunday or whenever float building sessions, get workers, secure materials, build the float, arrange for trailer and truck, have a great time in the parade and hopefully collect first prize again. Won \$250 in 2014 for first place in non-profit category. (During Nov., and parade on 11/28/14)

December: Christmas Party (in conjunction with PHlocking Com-

mittee) Coordinators: 1 needed to work with PHlocking Committee. Solicit donations for shopping for needy children in the school systems, set up and secure food items to donate to the local food pantry (Martha's Mission) and deliver (suggested that food items be set up for the November PHlocking as the food banks are usually emptier at that time than around Christmas). Last year we raised \$780 to shop for children of 5 families. (12/5/15)

A few community events coming up:

The Twelfth Annual Empty Bowls of Carteret County, luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Lunch is served from 11 am to 1 pm at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City, NC. The ticket holder will be able to choose a handmade bowl donated by professional potters and school art classes and enjoy a lunch of two delicious bowls of soup donated by our local area restaurants and dessert made by the National Charity League.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the needs of the less fortunate in our county and raise needed funds that will help Hope Mission and Martha's Cupboard address those needs. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please call 252-240-2359 for purchasing tickets or for more information. Tickets can also be purchased at the Cape Carteret Aquatic and Fitness Center and Handscapes Gallery in Beaufort, Webb Library, beginning Monday, January 5, 2015.

The Domestic Violence Program is in great need of disposable supplies. Supplies can be dropped at Molly Maid of The Crystal Coast in Cedar Point. Supplies can also be dropped off in Morehead City at Caroline's Collectibles, the Thrift Store that also accepts high end women's clothing and shoe donations to raise money for the Domestic Violence Program.

Non-perishable foods: canned meats, canned vegetables, soup, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, nuts, etc.

Wal-Mart gift cards, Lowe's Food gift cards, Drug store gift cards, Diapers (Size 2,3 and pull-ups size 4,5), Dixie cups, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Laundry Detergent for Sensitive Skin, Dish Washer Detergent & Dish Soap, Large kitchen trash bags, Large black trash bags, Bottled Drinking water, Distilled water (Gallon), (Natural) House & Bathroom cleaning supplies, (Natural) Furniture Polish, Mops & Brooms, Furnace filters 20x16x1 & 20x14x1, Freezer and storage baggies (gallon and quart), Aluminum foil, Glad or Saran Wrap, Hair Brushes for adults & children, Hair Conditioner, Shampoo, Body Wash & Loo-fah Products, Women Razors, Deodorant, Office & School Supplies, crayons, construction paper, educational toys, books and games, Cases of 20lb Printing Paper

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.

Kay Currie from Greensboro
Chris & Cindy Parisher from Fuquay Varina
Phil & Lori Jones from Emerald Isle
Sandy & Al Farrell from Fuquay-Varina
Janice & John Trabucco from Greenville
Richard Horner from Wilson
Pam Corey from Raleigh
Che Wright from ???
Carolyn Edwards from Swansboro

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 February 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, you have until March 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

For the FEBRUARY PHlocking, you need to find JEAN JENSEN 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

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

If you want to become more involved in our Club, sign up for one of the committees. Contact information is listed below. The best way to get to know folks is to begin by volunteering for events and to serve on committees. Just give the board members or committee members a call.

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Wikipedia Defition of Parrot Heads (IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW.....)

Origin of the term:

The term "Parrot Head" was coined in 1985 at a Jimmy Buffett concert at the Timberwolf Amphitheater in Cincinnati, OH. Buffett has said numerous times that he attributes much of his fame to this area. At the show, Jimmy commented about everyone wearing Hawaiian shirts and parrot hats and how they kept coming back to see his shows, just like Deadheads. Timothy B. Schmit, then a member of the Coral Reefer Band, coined the term "Parrot Head" to describe each of those fans.

Clubs

The first 'Parrothead' club was started by Scott Nickerson in Atlanta in 1989 and has grown into a network of over 200 clubs around the U.S., plus international clubs based in Canada and Australia.

Purpose:

The purpose of the organization is to promote the international network of Parrot Head Chapters as a humanitarian group sharing information and social activities for mutual benefit. The organization engages in activities that are charitable, educational and that promote the general welfare of the community. Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. is a Not-For-Profit Corporation, whose purpose is to assist in community and environmental concerns and provide a variety of social activities for people who are interested in the music of Jimmy Buffett and the tropical lifestyle he personifies.

Activities:

Events range from single act concerts or happy hours to the annual Meeting of the Minds in Key West, Florida, which attracts approximately 3,500 Parrotheads each year. The several day event, sponsored by the Parrot Heads in Paradise includes live music, but also a Toy Drive for the Monroe County Salvation Army, a blood drive, Zonta Walk for Breast Cancer, raffles and other events to raise money for charities. Some regional groups will focus on one or two key charities, while others may switch between several. Environmental causes, cancer research, Alzheimer's research and the March of Dimes all have received large donations from Parrothead organizations. In 2011, there were 239 Parrothead Club chapters in the United States, Canada and Australia, spanning 3 different countries, 47 states and 3 Canadian provinces. The total membership in 2011 was almost 28,000 members. In the ten-year period 2002-2011, member clubs of the international Parrothead organization raised over \$26.2M to support charitable organizations, and collectively worked almost 2.9 million hours of community service.



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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

February 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 something sweet to share!

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