

**JANUARY 2015**  
**Edition**



# **EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB**

## **PARROT POOP**

### **2014 SLIP SLIDING AWAY**

What a wild few months. Just when I think we can't do much more, we have a great idea surface and away we go!

At our November PHlocking we had a little Turkey Day prep time with Roma Browder heading up the fun games with a bit of Turkey Bowling and other assorted games. Our Prez and first lady had returned from the national convention in Key West with some really fun T-shirts from other clubs via the T-shirt trade activity down there and we added 2 shirts to the 50/50 drawing. Jean Jensen won \$75 and picked the Domestic Violence Program to receive the other \$75. But, Kathy Ruge won one of the T-shirts that Jean really wanted so he paid her \$30 of his winnings for the shirt and then Kathy donated that to the Domestic Violence Program too for a grand total of \$105. It was quite an interesting bartering session and sure added to the fun that night. We got lots of candy donations for our Christmas Float and of course some great food and everyone enjoyed DJ Rob Jones. It was actually kind of nice to be inside and outside with the music a bit quieter so we could all catch up and chat. We had such a busy October, we all had some stories to tell.

During October (and part of September....) and November we had a variety of folks working hard on this year's Christmas Float. What a hoot. Erin and Kelley Nelson were the "Big Birds/organizers" and they kept us all busy and on track. For those who have not participated in this "team building" activity, it is like organized chaos with painting and building and ideas flowing, and all of us were well fed as everyone shows up with food and bever-

age. Our cruise ship SS Parrot Head with the Christmas Island in the back of the truck was so over the top! Once the basics are in place there are lots of ideas on some of the finer points. We had a handmade anchor (who knew pool noodles could be so useful), glittered props, stocking flagging, a sand snowman, music and of course smoke coming out of the smokestacks. Someone even thought of adding cup holders. As usual, a few last minute ideas took shape rather late in the game. We added a pirate ship golf cart with 3 pirates who harassed the cruise ship on and off and even tried boarding in front of the judges stand. The Coast Guard Auxiliary was behind us and they kept the pirates under control. We also had a Pirate walking and handing out little toys as well as a very lively Parrot jumping all over the street. There are a few pictures on Facebook, but in case you did not see them, I have included a few here.

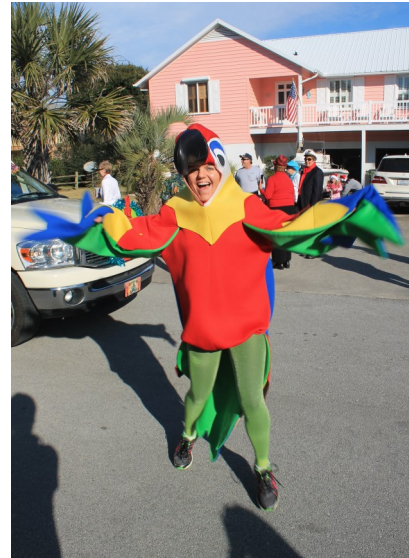


Thanks to all the workers, idea people, shoppers, pirates, parrots and donations of Lowes gift certificates, candy and fun! We did win first prize (2nd went to the Turtle Patrol float which was excellent as well). Our prize money of \$250 was donated to the newly established non-profit 501C 3 Hannah's Hope for their work



with under privileged children.

As we begin the new year, start thinking of ideas for next year's float. We are working on having the website with an interactive component so you can send your ideas into the website!



**The pictures just can't capture all the fun we had so make your way to the Club Website, where we hope to have a few more pictures posted soon.**



No sooner had we celebrated Christmas early, then it was time for the Christmas PHlocking with of course the ugly sweater contest and music by 4Ever All. The E-Club provided a spread of food and all our Parrot Head friends brought lots of great food too, so our Christmas holidays were off to a fattening start. I do have to say, the ante was upped this year. I have never seen so many creative, hand made/decorated sweaters before. While Tara Dyer took first place, Marsha Horner was a close 2nd,

followed by Clyde ?? Jan Hicks headed up some fun games and we had a little fun with Kate Tate doing some creative name tags...she claimed she was the "rush chairperson". Instead of Toys for Tots, this year we asked for cash donations for 5 needy families and their children that our board member/school teacher Renee Synan had identified with specific needs. ELPH (that is elf in Parrot Head language) Renee did multiple shopping trips and got a variety of much needed essentials (coats, boots, shoes) as well as a few surprises that the parents suggested. The parents at first tried to tell Renee and the school Social Worker that they were OK and did not need help but as the conversations progressed they reluctantly told their stories and agreed that they did need help. A proud group of parents for sure. In some cases she was able to take the children (with parents) shopping and in other cases she had sizes and did a few return trips to get the item and size perfect. There were lots of smiles and a few more to come on Christmas. She is still working with the family that needed furniture and has the contact information from those generous Parrot Heads that offered items. That may not take place until after Christmas. Thanks to the generous donations of our little Parrot Head Nation here on the Coast, Renee had \$780 to help those in need. Thanks to ELPH Renee for the work she did on this. One honorable mention here goes to Giovanna Styron. She sold many of her toys at her parents photography shop here on the Island and raised \$87 that went towards this project at her request. So many others gave checks and cash, what a group!

Just a reminder, we will still have our First Friday PHlocking on January 2nd and hope you will have recovered from ringing in the New Year enough that you can spend a little time with your fellow Parrot Heads.

## **THIS JANUARY BEGINS OUR 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 January 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. We currently have 376 members, not bad for a small area like ours. We ranked 10th nationwide in size for 2013 out of 238 clubs world wide. Those clubs raised \$33.9 million in funds for charities. We are past the \$11,000 mark as a club for 2014 and when the



when the annual report is done the end of January, we will have a final total for the year...stay tuned. The National Parrot Head Organization has discontinued issuing National Parrot Head membership cards for a variety of reasons, so we will look into local club membership cards if we can get enough interest locally to give some Parrot Head discounts. A work in progress.

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 that going around recently) it is worth it to check it out at [emeraldisleparrotheads.com](http://emeraldisleparrotheads.com).

## **WHAT'S UP NEXT?**

**January 2nd, 2015 - 7 Pm at the Emerald Club First Friday PHlock-ing -** DJ Robbie Jones will be hosting an inside gathering, we will be taking membership renewals and there is free food catered by Eddie Peterson from Piggly Wiggly Deli. Come and hang with us, not sure what else is planned but we know we will have fun.

**January 14th (Wednesday) - PHluff up the PHlock Party 6:30 .** This is your chance to become an active member. Each January, as tradition now has it, we come together as a PHlock to help plan the upcoming years activities. We see who is interested in becoming a Board Member, committee chair/co-chair or someone who can help head up an event. It is a time that you can give the Club some feedback on the good, the bad and the ugly and help make some positive changes in the club. While everyone is welcome, we are really looking for those that would like to take an active role in the club. If you are interested and can attend, please send me an email and as we finalize plans for the gathering, I will let you know exactly where we will be PHlocking. We do some break out work sessions and of course have plenty to eat and drink. Please think about your role in the club. The more active you become, the more people you will get to know and enjoy. One other item worth mentioning here. If you would like to see the club help a particular charity (501 C 3) , have an idea and are willing to head up the event, we are always willing to help find a way to help make it happen. Typically, the person/persons in charge of an event (Big Birds) get to pick the recipient of the funds raised. As an example, Michael Moyer and Mendy Barrows team up for the Coast is Clear Under the Pier Party and they pick the charity (usually animal related).

**February 6th—7 Pm at the Emerald Club—First Friday PHlocking**

**March 14th (Saturday)** The Emerald Isle St. Patty's Day Festival. We have already filed the application for a Parrot Head Booth and will begin making plans soon. We usually do 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!

## 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.

Carla Abee from Swansboro  
Trish Sullivan from Emerald Isle  
Craig & Gail Linker from Emerald Isle  
Bill & Christine Winslow from Cape Carteret  
Sheila Daniels from Newport  
Midge Brown from Swansboro  
DJ Metzger from Cape Carteret  
Connie Leuthauser from Cape Carteret



(couldn't find a Parrot for Merry Christmas and Happy New year.....close enough???)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

<b>Ed Nelson</b>	<b>January</b>
<b>Mac Nelson</b>	<b>January</b>
<b>Karin Woodruff</b>	<b>January 5</b>
<b>Bill Knecht</b>	<b>January 1</b>
<b>Ken Ambrose</b>	<b>January 3</b>
<b>Harry Bailey</b>	<b>January 8</b>
<b>Willis Gray</b>	<b>January 9</b>
<b>Clyde Yancey</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>Rosalind Brown</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>Weezie Tuttle</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>Dennis Hodge</b>	<b>January 15</b>
<b>Dennis Harke</b>	<b>January 15</b>
<b>Mike Flowe</b>	<b>January 16</b>
<b>Bob Wiecech</b>	<b>January 19</b>
<b>DJ Metzger</b>	<b>January 21</b>
<b>Patrick Sheets</b>	<b>January 22</b>
<b>Mike Egan</b>	<b>January 22</b>
<b>BR Browder</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Carla Abee</b>	<b>January 25</b>
<b>Midge Brown</b>	<b>January 26</b>
<b>Pat Patteson</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>Shirley Pangborn</b>	<b>January 28</b>



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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**

**January 2nd at 7:00 PM**

**AT THE EMERALD CLUB**

**DJ Robbie Jones playing**

**your favorite tunes**

**Free Food from the Emerald Club catered by Eddie Peterson from the Piggly Wiggly Deli**

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