

**JUNE 2014 Edition**

# **EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB**



## **PARROT POOP**

### **BEST EVER PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

At our May Phlocking, great music (as usual) was provided by Searce & Ketner. The Parrotheads celebrated "Cinco de Mayo" and about 50 Parrot-heads (AKA Jose and Maria ) partied with quite a few wearing Mexican garb. There was a "poncho making" contest with Roma Browder and her amigos taking 1st place. The koozie throwing contest was won by Bobby Cooper who joined that night. The 50/50 was won by Jan Mitchner and \$152 was donated to Patrick (a local autistic student) to attend a camp for autistic children!!

All in all, it was a "muy bueno" evening!

We totally outdid ourselves this year again topping the previous year's fun at the Beach Bicycle Poker Run. Thankfully, we were again blessed with great weather, and that brought out a diverse mix of 217 (169 last year) folks to participate in this fun filled day for charity. This year we were able to raise \$6300 (\$4500 last year) that all went towards the Semper Fi Kids Odyssey Camp, sending local children of wounded warriors to camp for a week of growth through adventure, and mentoring throughout the school year. What a great way to help give back to those who have given so much for all of us. Every year word seems to spread and the event increases in numbers and fun. A rowdy ready to roll crew of all ages gathered at the starting point of the Emerald Club parking lot to register and enter bicycle/rider themed decoration contests with great donated prizes. This year's themes of "All About

the Water", "Hula Girl at Heart", and "Carnival" brought out a host of creatively costumed crazies adding to the festivities. As usual, the competition was fierce. First Place Hula Girl at Heart went to Jason Holland (aka our Vice President). First Place Carnival went to Julie Fulton and first place All About the Water went to James Hicks (aka the Prez). Lest you think it was rigged, we had 3 independent judges (non Parrot Heads) and a big thanks to them (Wally Tuttle, George Mitchell and Claudia (here come the judge) Matheson. At 2:00 everyone hopped on their bikes and made their way to 6 stops around the Isle, drawing a poker card at each stop. Many thanks to the stops that helped sponsor the event along with the Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club and the Emerald Club: The Shark's Den, Jackie's American Grille, The Irish Pirate, Rucker John's, The Emerald Grill, and Flipperz. A special thanks goes out to our Card Sharks who spent 3 hours laughing at all of the riders and outfits. They worked hard and some were not even Parrot Heads. So when you see the following Card Sharks, be sure to thank them. Louise Ehrenkauf, Linda Hughes, Judy Piotrowicz, Jane Allen, Cathie and Mike Campbell, Bret & Nina Wicker, Bud Priestly, Beryl Packer, David Grothaus, Betty & Steve Strader, Deb & Gary Potenberg and Jan Mitchner. Once folks returned from the ride BR Browder and Ray Gollihue checked the hands and determined the best poker hands. 1st Place \$300 for 4 -8's went to Brian Westbrook who do-

nated \$100 back for our charity, 2nd Place \$200 for 3 Kings and a pair of 4s (a Boat???) went to Judy Sears who donated \$50 back for our charity, and 3rd Place \$100 with a Flush, Ace high went to Scott Leahy. The party continued with DJ music, free food, a giant slingshot shooting out T shirts and bling to the crowd, and a huge raffle drawing with great prizes donated by generous local businesses and individuals. We can't say enough good about the generosity of our local businesses and individuals who always step up to help us give back to charities and the community by fulfilling the Parrot Head motto of "Party With A Purpose!" And while we're giving out thank yous, please don't forget to thank all the Parrot Heads who worked so hard to put this event together so that it could be such a success and fun time for everyone while supporting a wonderful charity. We had 100 event T-shirts and all were sold! Thanks to Jane & Chuck Sewell and Maggie Rauschenberg for organizing the Registration Team, Rita Babich who again returned as the Raffle Queen and Anne Schrott who "managed" the judges. And of course to all those who

helped with the thousands of different jobs in getting making this event the best ever. Now that our numbers have grown, we need more help in getting this event off the ground. It is the same time every year, Armed Forces Day in Mid May so mark it off on the calendar early.

Here are pictures of our top winners, for a lot more pictures go to our Facebook Page and look under Photos. We hope to have them up on the website





## 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. For 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). So far the following Parrot Heads are signed up Hicks, Bobbie Raub and Jeanne LaVana, and we have interest from the following: Stones, Bonnie Forkey, Dyers and Potenbergs.

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). **Make sure if you do sign up you mention that you are with Kelley's group.**

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

## A PARROT HEAD PASSING

Many of our newer members did not have a chance to meet Maggie Jensen who passed this month after battling cancer. Maggie and her husband Jean joined the Parrot Head Club when it first began in 2002. Maggie has always been there, helping with anything from knitting and crocheting, cooking up a storm, hosting meetings and parties and most of all being a friend to so many of us. We can't begin to tell you how much she will be missed and how much she gave to our Club, our community and her friends. We will miss you so much, thank you Maggie, for being part of our lives and making such good memories with us.



## COMMITTEE INFO

We now have committee chairs and co-chairs for our committees. If you would like to help out and volunteer for any of the committees, just contact one of the chairs.

PHlocking Committee—Jan Hicks - [jameshicks@ec.rr.com](mailto:jameshicks@ec.rr.com) or Bobbi Raub - [bobbiraub@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiraub@yahoo.com)

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Membership Committee - Maggie Rauschenberg - [Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com)

Activities Committee - Jason Holland - [holland10303@gmail.com](mailto:holland10303@gmail.com) or Ken Stone - [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com)

Also, please welcome Chuck Sewell to our Board as Member at Large as Jen Heath had to resign due to conflicting work, school and family priorities, but she plans on still having fun with the Parrot Heads.

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

**June 6 (Friday) - First Friday PHlocking 7 PM at the Emerald Club** - School's out for summer!!! Friday is the last day and to celebrate we will be partying the night away with fun games, food, and PHeathered friends. **The Toga Party has been postponed so save your sheets for this fall.**

**July 4 (Friday)** - There will be no formal PHlocking as no doubt there will be lots of tourists, traffic and company happening. I am sure there will be events all over so be safe and get a DD.

**August 3 (Sunday) Anniversary Party at Pelican Island** - We need a few good folks to coordinate this event. Specific jobs include, purchasing food, getting cooking grills set up, transporting people, clean up etc. As soon as I know who will be coordinating this event, I will let you know. There will be a sign up sheet at the June PHlocking.

**Coast is Clear Under the Pier Party** will be sometime in September and we hope to have a date soon, normally sometime in mid September on a Sunday.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS**

**7th Annual Kayak for the Warriors at Pine Knoll Shores** has lots planned starting with the **June 5th** Homes Tour, **June 7th** is the Kayak Race and other activities. More information and details on line at [www.kayakforthewarriors.org](http://www.kayakforthewarriors.org).

**June 21st First Annual Summer Plunder Poker Run**, a fun raiser to benefit the Beaufort Pirate Invasion in August. They are in need of funding to make the Pirate Invasion the best ever and this is designed to have fun and raise money for this great event. Yes, it is motorcycles. The cost is \$21 per bike and \$5 per rider. The entry fee gets you a meal, the ride, 1 raffle ticket and a poker sheet. For more information, see the flyer attached to the newsletter email or call 704-877-1820.

Valerie Johnson (Parrot Head) asked that I share a little info about a new program being started this summer.

**"A Second Helping"** being started in Emerald Isle by George Gardner of Ocean Oaks, modeled after a successful similar one at Holden and Wrightsville Beaches. We've all witnessed the amount of waste left behind when the rentals change hands on the summer weekends.

The plan is to have volunteers stationed near Bert's Surf Shop Saturday AMs from 7- 12noon, collecting leftover food and paper products from the renters as they depart EI. Even perishables and open, partially used containers of food, are being collected and donated to The Hem's food pantry, Martha's Mission, Hope Mission, and Caroline's House. Mr.Gardner is looking for volunteers to sit at the roadside drop off point for any amount of time they have available. We hope to eventually get enough folks so each of us only has to be there one Saturday morning, or less, a month. Anyone with a truck would be especially appreciated, but The Hem will pick up food if none is available. The program is expected to run from June 14th through Labor Day. **Please contact George Gardner at 252-354-7104 or email: [volunteers@asecondhelping-emeraldisle.com](mailto:volunteers@asecondhelping-emeraldisle.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, 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

LeighAnn Viverette from Emerald Isle

Bobby & Ronda Cooper from Emerald Isle

Brat & Nina Wicker from Jacksonville

Rosalind Brown from Stella

Lauren & Phil Evans from Newport

The following new members have incomplete information on their membership form so if you have a question next to your name, please email me your address, birthdate, and phone number. [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com).

Edward & Jessica Schneider ??

Stan & Janice Sams ???

Karen Whitley ???

Clarita Wilson ???

Tony Roberts ????

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Lovely Lois Harmande	June 1
Paula Patteson	June 1
Gary Odle	June 11
Brad Bills	June 13
Russ Davis	June 13
Jack Synan	June 13
Tom Stout	June 15
Ken Banks	June 16
Ann Stewart	June 17
Mickey Henrickson	June 17
Patricia Weaver	June 19
Susan Camaret	June 20
Junie Christian	June 21
Mike Carney	June 21
Randy Penny	June 23
Jim Lamb	June 23
Gigi Linder	June 24
Pam Minnick	June 25
Terry Passey	June 26
Betty Nicolle	June 27
Joel Dunn	June 27
Robert Pearson	June 27
Gary Pontenberg	June 28
Donna Grady	June 28
Bill Gerdson	June 29



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#### HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARROT HEAD CLUB

##### WEBSITE:

**EMERALDISLEPARROTHEADS.ORG**

##### 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

June 6th 7:00 PM

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

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

Music by Searce and Ketner

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