



PARROT POOP

NO WINTER WHIMPS HERE!

Neither snow nor sleet nor ice will sway the Parrot Heads from having a good time (although there was some seriously lousy weather in February). However, 'twas a good time to sled on a hill at the beach or wake board on the road (hardly any injuries to the PHlock), and then slide over to the E Club for our regular PHirst PHriday PHlocking to celebrate Valentine's Day with major splashes of red (color, not blood).

The February Phlocking found us with lots of folks dressed in their favorite reds and pinks. Delicious food and good music provided from Mike, our Parrot Head owner of the Emerald Club. No one went away hungry and everyone had a fabulous time dancing and playing crazy games. Renee handed out a piece of valentine candy to everyone and told them "don't eat this yet, you have to find a match to it." So everyone had a little pink, blue or white heart with a "Valentine saying" written on its face to mix and match. The winners of the candies that matched faces won a box of chocolates! Another game involved matching "couples" together. Hard to tell who belongs to who sometimes, huh? Anyway, everyone had a great time watching and playing! Last but not least, our 50/50 was won by Lanny Thomas who graciously contributed his winnings as well so the Oakland Presbyterian Church Building Fund received a check for \$ 189 Smiling Matt and Erin at the bar with DJ tunes, but no Dicky and Jack as Dicky's recovering from shoulder surgery, but... they'll be back triumphant and in

full swing at our next regular PHlocking and throughout the year. What a SWEET night? To beat the winter blahs, the Head Parrot Heads decided to roll out a PHlash PHlocking where 35 Parrot Heads descended on MacDaddy's to have a good ol' time and support a local business that has been supportive of us; good food, service, grog, and great company, maybe even some bowling. Ashton and Patrick Mayne brought along some goodie bags and Erin and Kelley brought some chocolate covered strawberries to share.

Then just a week later, there was another PHlash PHlocking at Flipperz. It was warm enough on the porch to enjoy some great tunes by Chris Bellamy and some folks did a pre-National Margarita Day warm up! These spur of the moment PHlockings have been a great way to just chill out and chat/play with members of the PHlock while giving some business to local employers, and we'll be doing a lot more of them in the near future; a win/win situation showing our support to the community while having a fun gathering. Who says there is nothing to do in winter?

On March 1st we had 27 Parrot Heads show up at the NC Coastal Federation Hoop Pole Creek Trail Clean Up. We clipped branches, blew off leaves, raked litter (cigarette butts mostly) and ended up with about 8 bags of trash. This was the best year yet, as the trails were relatively lit-

ter free. Maybe keeping the trails clean sends a message to those who might litter. We had 4 kids join us this year and it was nice to play and work with the Parakeets! After the clean up, most went to El Zarape for a little community lunch. Thanks to all who helped in this annual event.

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 stones-end@gmail.com. So far we have interest from the Stones, Hicks', Bonnie Forkey, Bobbie Raub and Jeanne LaVana.

Kelley Nelson is working with Go Ahead Tours and the Cartaret 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

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

The Parrot Head Express Charter Bus to the April 22nd Jimmy Buffett Concert in Raleigh still has a few seats left.. Priced at \$35 per seat, round trip is a bargain. Check the availability of seats with Jan Hicks at jameshicks@ec.rr.com and check to make sure you can still snag a lawn seat. The group will be tailgating with Barefoot Wade playing some tunes. Plans are getting there but Jan needs to have final bus numbers by this weekend, so check in with her soon.

GIVING PARROT HEADS THE BUSINESS

This is our first attempt at identifying local businesses that are owned and operated by Parrot Heads. What we would eventually like to do is provide links on our website to those local Parrot Head businesses. I only heard from a few folks, and we have a "list going" so if you are a Parrot Head and own a business, please let me know and send a link to your website or an email contact that we can list. We hope our PHlock will support not just local businesses but those that are Parrot Head owned. Email me with your business information. Know there are more of you out there!

Banks, Gray & Crumpler, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors. - Natalie Crumpler and Ken Banks

Flipperz - Chris Shoffner

Molly Maids of Cedar Point - Beryl Packer & Davis Grothaus

The Emerald Club—Mike and Pat Haut

Carolina Salt - Will Ashby

Coastal Outlet - Carl Meeks, Sandy Fontaine

Studio M Hair Salon - Jessie Holland

Emerald Isle Beach and Pool Club - Wendy and Clint Routson

Assistance with applications for the Affordable Care Act - Sherry Eason

Sharks Den - Patrick Sheets

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

March 7th (Friday) - "MARCH MADNESS" PHLOCKING, First Friday

PHlocking 7 PM at the Emerald Club It's "basketball at its best" month and the area is "mad" for its favorite team. You are invited to the March PHlocking to celebrate our own "March Madness" event. Wear your favorite team's colors, hat, shirt, pants, sock, shoes, gloves, belt...did I leave anything out? Roma Browder and Chris Bach are in charge of the games so come prepared to "bring it on!" Mike, owner of Emerald Club, will have a great spread for us so bring your appetite too. Be sure to see Bobbi Raub for our favorite T-Shirt sales at \$15 each. And last but not least, we will be celebrating the return of Dicky Searce to our favorite EIPHC band of "Searce and Ketner!" Can't wait to hear those familiar tunes. They are rolling out a new "sing along" for us. So, you can practice your singing talent as well as show off your athletic ability in one fun evening!

So let's get this basketball rolling.....at the "March Madness PHlocking!"

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 have a full compliment of volunteers to staff the booth in 2 hour shifts now but still looking for a few high quality items for the raffle. Please make sure you stop by and say hello (**and pay your dues for 2014 if you haven't done so already**). 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) please email Ken at stonessend@gmail.com.**

Last year we raised \$1000 for Domestic Violence Programs. This year we plan to support the Emerald Isle Emergency Medical Services (EI EMS) ...the thinking being we may need them for the Beach Bike Poker Run.....

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 belquimboy@aol.com or give him a call at 607-759-7158.

April 10th (Thursday) New Member Social - Evening cocktails at Ribeyes in Cape Carteret. Join us for hor d'oeuvres and drinks and meet your fellow Parrot Heads in a quieter atmosphere. 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. We will also have a group staying for dinner. Please email Maggie Rauschenberg at Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com to let her know if you will make the New Member Social and/or dinner so we have a count for planning.

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

March 13 (Thursday) 7:30 Concert at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach

The Carteret Arts Forum is bringing singer and entertainer Roslyn Kind to the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach. Roslyn Kind is the younger sister of megastar Barbara Streisand, but this lifelong entertainer stands on her own. She has forged a successful career in all facets of entertainment from critically acclaimed recordings to sold-out performances on Broadway and in top concert venues and nightclubs around the world. She recently performed with her sister during an 8 city US and Canadian tour and a 6 city international tour. Tickets are \$35 at the door. For more information, contact new Parrot Head Lilia Klee at 252-764-2254 H or 804-370-5569 C or visit ww.carteretartsforum.org.

March 29th (Saturday) Emerald Isle Half-Marathon & 5K Race , This is

turning out to be a popular event with over 800 folks entered. We hope to have a Parrot Head team (headed by Jason Holland...send him a note if you are entering as well so he knows who to look for (holland10303@gmail.com))

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! **Proceeds benefit the Emerald Isle Multi Use Path network!** Go to the website www.emeraldislerun.com for more information. This is also a Parrot Head volunteer event and if you can help, email me at stonesend@gmail.com or sign up at the March PHlocking or at the St. Patty's Day booth. The race is early so if you sign up, be prepared with some coffee.

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

Mike Egan from Swansboro
Bri & Dave Stead from Emerald Isle
Teresa Webb from Emerald Isle
Alli Sargent from Morehead City
Carl & Lilia Klee from Emerald Isle
Tristan Taylor and Tesse Wilson from Emerald Isle

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 or Bobbi Raub - bobbi-raub@yahoo.com

Technology Committee - John Dyer - jdy-eriii67@gmail.com

Membership Committee - Maggie Rauschenberg - Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com

Activities Committee - Jason Holland - holland10303@gmail.com or Ken Stone - stonessend@gmail.com

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Jack Fowler	March 1
Everette K. Grissom	March 1
Carol Poe	March 3
Joy Bailey	March 4
Wade Viverette	March 6
Kathy Pope	March 8
Chris Shoffner	March 8
Mary Passey	March 9
Mike Campbell	March 10
Tom Henderson	March 12
Patricia Kennedy	March 13
Gene Harmande	March 14
Joy Musser	March 14
Beverly Stenzel	March 17
Austin Davis	March 18
Russ Johnston	March 21
Mike DeFlorio	March 22
Shirley Long	March 22
Betty Strader	March 23
Lanny Thomas	March 27
April Hardee	March 28
Anne Schrott	March 29
Julia Weber	March 30
Will Ashby	March 31

A Brief Summary of the PHluff up the PHlock Gathering on January 27th

We had around 35 people who were able to make it before the storms hit the next day. The food was amazing as always and everyone was enthusiastic and ready to work. We even had some brand new members come and give some great ideas. James (our president) spoke about how far we have come as a Club and a bit about what we hoped to accomplish. We broke into 4 groups to make our brainstorming more efficient. The Activities Committee, Membership Committee, Technology Committee and Merchandising and Miscellaneous topics group. All groups did a brief report out for the whole group.

The Activities Committee discussed last year's activities and plans for 2014 activities along with potential new ideas. There is a need for specific coordinators for each event and lots of helping hands with different skill sets. Also need to ensure pictures of all events, and in some instances newspaper articles to publicize events as well as promote their successes. There will be planning meetings of Committee members before large events as needed. PHlash PHlockings will also be part of activities as well as themed PHlockings, and addressed, communicated, and coordinated with other committees. Most of the dates the committee has set are listed in the newsletter but as the committee meets more in the future, new ideas and activities will be discussed and set up. The biggest issue for this committee is to get 2 people to be in charge of each activity.

Technology Committee discussed lots of innovative ideas as follows:

KEEPING THE WEBSITE UPDATED - More current photos, more current articles, reformat calendar to a scrolling format,, Add links to FB, Twitter, Google+

PICTURES - Photo archive including screening photos, use for promoting EIPHC; also for promoting community giving/helping, need to organize current photos

SOCIAL MEDIA - More frequent updates; currently FB averaging 400-500 "Likes" per posting
Review the tool HOOTSUITE to enable automatic up load all social media; FB, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - Database currently on Access; Review of a different tool (Mailchimp) to more easily organize mailing lists

NEWSLETTER - Need to establish a process where committee chairs submit their reports (before & after) of events; create a report format/form; establish a cutoff date; with reminders being sent out;

EVENT PARTICIPATION DATA GATHERING - Use to reach out to EIPHC members for recognition
Foster communications to members who are not currently aware of the opportunity to participate in events
Determine optimal method of collecting participation data

PROMOTING EIPHC ACTIVITIES WITHIN & EXTERNAL TO EIPHC - Post/Publish event/activity results via web site, newsletter, etc, Examples, "thermometer" displaying EIPHC donations; full size photo of check given to an organization

NOTE: In order to follow up on the technology action items, the group decided to meet, initially, on a monthly basis; The Monday before each Phlocking; Carl hosted the 1st meeting on February 24th at 7:00 PM

Membership Committee - The group discussed ways to follow up on bad emails and missing information to keep the database accurate. Maggie Rauschenberg will put together new member packets with leis, cozies, bumper stickers, membership cards and bling/give aways. We will begin making plans for an April 10th new member social. Sue and Maggie will work together to make sure all new members get a welcome email. The idea of having a picture of each member in a membership directory on the website was discussed.

PHlocking Committee - PURPOSE: To select and support members to serve as leaders for PHLocking events, provide guidance in all areas pertaining to the PHLocking including, but not limited to, the sale of T-shirts, games played and prizes, sale of tickets for 50/50 raffle, and gathering pertinent information regarding event for Website and Newsletter.

The committee decided to maintain the same schedule used last year as follows:

7:00 p.m. – PHLocking begins

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – set up and sale of T-shirts

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – set up and sale of 50/50 tickets

8:30 p.m., (or whenever band breaks) announcements, games

Committee will make every effort to include a “new” leader(s) to work with a “seasoned” leader(s) for each PHLocking.

Committee will be responsible for having PHLocking leaders report to John Dyer and Sue Stone, pertinent information to be included on the website and Newsletter regarding the PHLockings. This information will include themes, whether a certain “dress code” is requested, charities supported, winners of games, etc.

A check sheet will be sent to PHLocking leaders prior to each event for guidance.

Committee meetings will be held at random during the year to address any outstanding issues, current status, etc., as necessary.

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 March PHlocking (7-8:30), stop by the Parrot Head booth at the St. Patty's Day Fest, 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, unpaid members are deleted 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 365 members as of today), so give it your best shot to renew by the end of March.

We are thinking ahead to the Beach Bike Poker Run and there will be 3 categories for the Bike Decorating Contest. Send me an email or stop by the St. Patty's Day booth and give us your ideas on themes.



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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

MARCH 7TH 7:00 PM

AT THE EMERALD CLUB

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

Scearce and Ketner are back again!

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