



PARROT TALES

2023 Year in Review

President's Perch

by Club President, Gus Liby

Hello Parrot Heads,

What a year we had—we worked hard & played hard, often at the same time! We also felt as if we lost our best friend—Jimmy Buffett, whose music, lifestyle and concern for people and communities formed the core of our Parrot Head community.



We ended the year with 297 members & 5 keets, the largest the club has been for years, maybe forever.

We had 25 social events including a trip to the Titusville Playhouse for Escape to Margaritaville, the Atlanta Parrot Head Club Bon Voyage Party, the Birthday & Holiday Parties, and all the PHlockings & PHriendship PHridays.

We brought in out-of town Trop Rock artists Jimmy Parrish, "Sunny Jim" White, Reggie Starrett, & Jimi Pappas for the PHlockings as well our own Trop Rock artists Don Alexander, John McDonald & Jody Bly Yeomans,

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2023 SNAPSHOT

297 members with 5 keets.

25 social events held.

Raised \$24,763 for Brevard County Charities.

21 service events held providing 997 volunteer hours.

Bubbles Up, Jimmy

by Parrot Tales Editor, Liz Applegate

Despite everything SCPHC celebrates in 2023, sadly, we lost Jimmy Buffett. And it doesn't seem right to have a 2023 review without acknowledging his contributions and the loss we feel without him.



Jimmy released more than 30 albums, with eight achieving gold certification and nine attaining platinum or multi-platinum status as recognized by the Recording Industry Association of America.

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Many Space Coast Parrot Heads attended MOTM (Meeting of the Minds), October 2023. The week-long event was filled with great music and wonderful friendships, old and new. Parrot Heads from around the world traveled to attend MOTM. This was the first year this annual event was held in Gulf Shores, Alabama and it will be returning there again this year. Mark your calendar for next year's event, October 22-27, 2024.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

As part of the club's responsibility as part of the Parrot Head Club Network, a Year-End Report is required. Read more about the incredible support you helped make happen in 2023!

At each monthly Phlocking, the Space Coast Parrot Head Club (SCPHC) supports two charities operating in Brevard County. One is designated as our Lucky Stars and the other our 50/50. These two charities are selected by the Board of Directors from our member-originated list of charitable organizations. The chosen charities are vetted for their current 501(c)(3) status and rankings on charity evaluation websites.

For the Lucky Stars, this charity provides us with a wish list of needs. Our generous members

bring these items and/or cash donations to the Phlocking. These items are delivered by board members, or a representative from the charity attends the Phlocking to personally receive them.

We also hold a 50/50 drawing for cash for the second charity at the Phlocking. Often, the drawing winner donates their share of the winnings to the charity.

Finally, we had additional charity events such as the Space Coast Marathon, the Walk to End Alzheimer's, and Blinky Pin (lighted pins worn on lanyards) sales, to raise funds for selected charities.

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2023 SUPPORTED CHARITIES

19 January PHlocking. We raised **\$446** in cash and goods for the South Brevard Sharing Center who helps children & adults who have faced trauma related to domestic violence & sexual assault. We also raised **\$370** for the Florida Wildlife Hospital and their work to provide quality, compassionate care for injured animals.

16 February PHlocking. We raised **\$639** in cash & goods for Hope for Brevard who provides sheltering, fostering, and adoption services to homeless and neglected animals in Brevard County. We also raised **\$370** for the Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind, which provides services for people who are visually impaired, blind, or legally blind.



Our monthly PHlockings provide opportunity to meet with friends, listen to wonderful music and support local charities.

19 March PHlocking. We raised **\$565** in cash & goods for Nana's House who provides a safe, secure, loving home for neglected, abused, or abandoned Brevard County children. We also raised **\$376** for the Sea Turtle Conservancy to support their mission to ensure the survival of sea turtles.

March. The Space Coast Marathon is a charitable event run in the fall where different service organizations provide the staff. The funds collected are then split amongst the supporting organizations for them to contribute to their charity of choice. In February, the SCPHC received \$3,000 for our work manning the south water station last fall. We distributed the funds to 6 charities:

- **\$500** to The Children's Hunger Project to support their mission to help feed Brevard County's most vulnerable children on the weekends.
- **\$500** to The Alzheimer's Association to support its mission to accelerate global research, drive risk reduction and early detection, and maximize quality care and support for Alzheimer's and other dementia patients.
- **\$500** to Brevard Humane Society to help provide animal welfare shelters and programs that foster a humane ethic toward all animals.
- **\$500** to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren who provides advocacy, support, training, and referral services to families living in Brevard County.
- **\$500** to Brevard Zoo (Restore Our Shores). Brevard Zoo manages the ROS program, which provides living shoreline solutions in the Indian River Lagoon to restore water quality and sea life.
- **\$500** to Marine Resources Council. MRC is an overarching organization whose mission is to improve water quality and to protect and restore the fish and wildlife resources of the Indian River Lagoon, coastal waters, inshore reefs, and the Indian River watershed.

20 April PHlocking. We raised \$403 in cash & goods for Joe's Club Adult Day Healthcare.

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This organization provides socialization, recreation, nutrition, transportation, supervision, and self-help training to adults who cannot be left alone. We also raised **\$205** for the Touch of Grey Animal Rescue which provides foster, re-homing, and hospice care to senior and special needs dogs residing in shelters or left behind by their owners.

18 May PHlocking. We raised **\$765** in cash & goods for Genesis House Melbourne, FL, which provides emergency shelter for homeless women and their children, long-term housing for student mothers with children, and shelter for homeless pregnant women. We also raised **\$310** for Ways of Life to help youth transitioning out of the foster system.

15 June PHlocking. We raised **\$485** in cash & goods for Promise in Brevard, which provides affordable, independent housing for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities. We also raised **\$314** for the National Veterans Homeless Support Group, which works to eliminate homelessness among veterans in Central Florida.

20 July PHlocking. We raised **\$477** in cash & goods for Brevard's Second Harvest Food Bank, which collects, stores, and distributes donated food; we also raised **\$203** in cash for the Alzheimer's Association.

18 August PHlocking. We raised **\$935** in cash & goods for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. We also raised **\$260** in cash for the National Kidney Foundation, which works to prevent and reduce the impact of kidney diseases and to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

21 September PHlocking. We raised **\$705** in cash and goods for The Haven for Children, which works to shelter, nourish, protect, and guide abused, abandoned, and neglected children. We also raised **\$236** in cash for Singing for Change, which funds organizations that inspire personal growth, community integration, and awareness to bring about positive change.

28 September Walk to End Alzheimers. We raised **\$8,964** in cash and pledges for the Alzheimer's Association.

19 October PHlocking. We raised **\$750** in cash & goods for Friends of Children of Brevard, which provides essential needs, childhood experiences, and aid for children rescued from harmful environments and keep them from becoming lost in the foster care system. We also raised **\$615** in cash for K-9s for Warriors, which provides trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, brain injury, or other military trauma.

16 November PHlocking. We raised **\$1,230** in cash & goods for Toys for Tots, which collects and distributes new toys to America's less fortunate children. We also raised **\$240** in cash for Save the Manatees, which protects manatees and their aquatic ecosystems worldwide.

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At December's PHlocking, Amber Oleson from The Haven for Children received cash and checks totaling \$1185, from the raffle baskets at the Christmas Party and individual donations.

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20 December Holiday Party. We raised **\$1,160** in cash through our gift basket raffle for The Haven for Children.

Year-Around. We raised **\$715** in cash selling Blinky Pins for the Alzheimer's Association,

The club also supports multiple service events for Brevard County organizations.

2023 SERVICE EVENTS

21 January. 10 members provided **50 hours** of service to Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores. The team cleaned 94 oyster gabions (cages of garden oysters being prepared to be transplanted in the lagoon).

18 February. 11 members provided **22 hours** of service to Cape Canaveral and the Florida Department of Transportation by cleaning up the 2 miles of State Road A1A that the club adopted and promised to maintain.

25 March. 24 members and friends provided **48 hours** of service to the city of Cocoa Beach by walking the beach and collecting man-made trash.

9 April. 12 members and friends provided **74 hours** of service as stewards for the 11th Annual East Coast Dog Surfing Festival to raise funds for the Brevard Humane Society.

11 April. 34 members provided **66 hours** of service packing weekend meals in support of The Children's Hunger Project.

15 April. 14 members and friends provided **72 hours** of service to Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores. Members sorted garden oysters and placed them in gabions to build oyster reefs in the lagoon to filter water and restore water quality and sea life.

13 May. 11 members provided **22 hours** of service to Cape Canaveral and the Florida Department of Transportation by cleaning up the 2 miles of State Road A1A that the club adopted and promised to maintain.

1 July. 6 members provided **12 hours** of service to Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores program. Members helped build a seagrass nursery to be used to restore the sea grass population in the lagoon.

8 July. 2 members provided **12 hours** of service to Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores program. Members helped build an in-the-water oyster gabion corral on which live oysters will be placed to build a new oyster reef.



In September, eleven SCPHC Members participated in the International Coastal Cleanup hosted by the Marine Resource Council. Along with over 675 volunteers, 8,726 pounds of trash from along the Indian River Lagoon was picked up and disposed of.

11 July. 29 members provided **58 hours** of service packing weekend meals in support of The Children's Hunger Project.

22 July. 22 members and friends provided **44 hours** of service to the city of Cocoa Beach by walking the beach and collecting trash.

19 August. 5 members provided **18 hours** of service as guides and servers at the Space Coast Wing Battle. The wing battle is an annual fundraiser for The Children's Hunger Project.

26 August. 14 members provided **28 hours** of service to Cape Canaveral and the Florida Department of Transportation by cleaning up the 2 miles the club adopted.

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16 September. 11 members provided **22 hours** of service to the Marine Resources Council and the communities along the Indian River Lagoon by picking up trash and debris during the International Coastal Cleanup.

23 September. 27 members provided **70 hours** of service to The Alzheimer's Association by collecting pledges and then participating in The Walk to End Alzheimers. The charity donations listed above include the funds raised from this activity.

10 October. 31 members provided **62 hours** of service packing weekend meals in support of The Children's Hunger Project.

18 November. 9 members provided **36 hours** of service to Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores program. Members helped build and fill oyster gabions, which will be placed in the Indian River Lagoon to build new oyster reefs.

26 November. 32 members provided **181 hours** of service to the Space Coast Marathon, a charitable event run in the fall where different service organizations provide the staff. The funds collected are then split amongst the supporting organizations for them to contribute to their charity of choice. The club will receive and distribute these funds in 2024.

2 December. 4 members provided **6 hours** of service to the Space Coast Marathon's post-marathon cleanup event. Members help clean and store the support equipment used during the marathon to ensure its readiness for next year.

2-3 December. 5 members provided **18 hours** of service in selling flowers and ushering in support of the Brevard Ballet Youth Company's (BBYC) annual performance of The Nutcracker. The BBYC exposes students to a master theatre event, and each student's push, drive, and focus help form young minds and bodies.

4 December. 14 members provided **22 hours** of service to the PHiP One PHamily Blood Drive to support cancer treatments in memory of Jimmy.

18 November & 8 December. 7 members provided **20 hours** of service assembling charity raffle baskets and managing service awards. The charity donations listed above include the funds raised from the baskets. The service awards recognize the service provided by club members both as a thank you for work well done and as an inducement to get other members more involved.

All Year. 4 members provided **44 hours** of service managing the Lucky Stars selection, collections, and dispersement and the 50/50 selection, sales, and drawings. Funds raised from these activities are included in the charity donations listed above.



The Children's Hunger Project help feed Brevard County's most vulnerable children on the weekends. SCPHC members meet to help pack meal packs.

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As you can see, Space Coast Parrot Head Club had an amazing year in 2023 by raising \$24,763 for Brevard County Charities and providing 997 volunteer hours in 21 service events. Proving that we really are about leaving Brevard County better than we found it.

And this is just the start! In 2024, we've already held a Children's Hunger Project packing event. We have a PHlocking on Thursday, January 18 supporting Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida for our Lucky Stars and Orlando Fisher House for our 50/50.

So mark your calendars for upcoming 2024 events from the planning calendar on page 11 and be part of another great year.

IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Bartender, Linda Norway

PINEAPPLE SEA BREEZE

- 2 (1.5 oz) jiggers coconut rum
- 1/2 -12 oz. can lemon-lime soda (Sprite)
- 2 oz. pineapple juice (or to taste)
- 2 oz. orange juice (or to taste)
- 1 1/2 cup ice cubes

Put ice into a 16 oz. glass. Pour in the rum, pineapple juice, lemon-lime soda and orange juice. Stir, garnish and serve.



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His total certified record sales worldwide exceed 20 million, solidifying his position as one of the world's top-selling music artists.

But most importantly, his music was not just about partying with a margarita in each hand; it represented an artist who looked at life with wisdom and insight.

Not only did he write and inspire a whole genre of music, but he also inspired a worldwide lifestyle centered around enjoying life and following passions. His passion inspired many of us to "party with a purpose." And his fans,

like you and me, have banded together to form Parrot Head Clubs worldwide. The network has flourished, comprising over 200 clubs across the United States, with additional international clubs established in Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, and Australia.

We will continue to be inspired by Jimmy Buffett and the gifts he shared with us through his music, entrepreneurial spirit, love for the environment, and humanitarian efforts. And most of all, for the community of passion and fun he inspired.

Bubbles Up, Jimmy. We will forever be grateful to you.

We Couldn't Do This Without You

It takes a lot of people to keep the club running with all of the things we do. You see the Board members names every newsletter and they take care of the business. What you don't see are all of the people who pitched in in 2023 to keep the club moving and growing.

Behind the Scenes but Essential Help:

- Bob Norway - webmaster
- Chuck Ennis - club database maintenance
- Ron Mead, Curtis Meador & Linda Norris - Facebook moderators
- John Furtado - T-shirts & Hats
- Mary Ann Moore and Liz Applegate - Parrot Tales Newsletter
- Cindy & Bob Pennington, Joy Morris and Bob Good - 505/50 ticket sales
- Carla Hughes & Cindy Pennington - Blinky pin sales for Alzheimers
- Curtis & Missy Meador - designed the MOTM T-shirts
- Denise Haynes - MOTM communications director
- Donna DiBongrazio - Escape to Margaritaville
- Mike Ernst - Atlanta Parrot Head Club Bon Voyage Party

Our Service Project Leads:

- Mile Ernst - A1A Street, Beach, and Coastal cleanups
- Lorelei Ennis & Mary Ann More - Dog Surfing Festival
- Barbi & Rich Miller - Children's Hunger Project packing events and Wing Battle
- Lorelei Ennis & Cathy Furtado - all the Alzheimer's activities
- Doug Serrano & Roy Kellner - Marathon water station fundraiser
- Roy Kellner & Becki Ransier - PHiP 1 PHamily Blood Drive
- Gus Liby - Restore Our Shores oyster gabions & reef and sea grass nursery

All of Our PHriendship PHriday Hosts:

- Nancy & Doug Simon - January
- Sandi & Sandy Sanderson - February
- Missy & Curtis Meador - March
- Cathy & John Furtado - April
- Steve & Mary Anne Moore - May
- Linda Mullin - August
- Gary & Dena Younger - September
- John McDonald and Donna DiBongrazio - October
- Michelle Lee & Susan Swain - November

And there is room for YOU as well! We currently have a need for PHriendship PHriday hosts! What's involved? Choose a restaurant in Brevard County, contact restaurant management to be sure they have the space and capacity for around 60 Parrot Heads the first Friday of the month. PHriendship PHriday info is shared via email, you just collect RSVP's. Some places where previous PHriendship PHridays have been held: Squid Lips, Melbourne; Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach; Dolphins, Merritt Island; Las Monarcas Mexican Restaurant, Satellite Beach; Old Fish House, Grant. Where would you like to host a Phriendship Phriday?

Interested in being a host? Contact Social Director, Hurricane Floyd at HurricaneSCPHC@gmail.com.

The President's Service Award



To recognize the efforts of club members and their impact on our community, President Service Awards began in 2023. Blue - two or more service events or four or more service hours. Red - service event lead plus five hours or ten or more service hours. Purple - five or more service event leads or twenty or more service hours.

The President's Service Award was started in 2023 to recognize the superior service of members in club service activities. It is intended as a thank you for their service and as a reminder to all of us that there is always a way and need to help others.

The award is a round pin, 1 inch in diameter. The top states, "TOGETHER WE FLY." The center has two parrots flying in tandem and the year of the award. The bottom states, "SCPHC COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM." The outer ring colors—blue, red, or purple—denote the relative levels of service by the recipients.

The pin's theme is with permission from Mike Miller, leader of the The Boat Drunks. After suffering a personal setback, Mike saw firsthand how the parrot head community comes together to help others. As a result, he wrote one of the most beloved songs of parrot heads everywhere. Together We Fly, celebrates the "...style of living, and spirit of giving..." of the community. It reminds us that working together we share a strength and can do things that we'd never do on our own. This is the power we use to achieve SCPHC's mission to leave the world a little better than we found it and have a good time doing it.

In 2023, 147 club members, families, and friends participated in 23 events and amassed just shy of 1,000 hours of community service. Of these, 84 served the hours required to receive the service award.

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We raised \$24,763 for Brevard charities, including \$4,120 to our 4th quarter charities: Friends of Children of Brevard, K-9's for Warriors, Toys for Tots, Save the Manatees, The Alzheimer's Association, & The Haven for Children.

We conducted 21 service events providing 997 hours of volunteer work, including 358 hours the final quarter of 2023 for: The Children's Hunger Project, Keep Brevard Beautiful, The Alzheimer's

Association, Restore Our Shores, the water stop fundraiser, the PHiP One PHamily Blood Drive & the Brevard Ballet Youth Academy.

2023 was a year of ups & downs with a strong emphasis on the ups. To paraphrase Jimmy, some of it was magic and some of it tragic but we had a good year anyway.

Gus
Livin' in a Postcard

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to our members who joined since September 2023

Renee Aiello-Bunk	Ashlyn Crotty	Amber Lombardo
Theresa Boyers	Wayne Crotty	Erik Lombardo
John Breiling	John Fravel	Anthony Mauro
Lynn Breiling (Jackson)	Charlene Kemp	Susan Musser
Kristi Brennan	Richard Kline	Timothy Musser
Pat Brennan	Mary Jo Krause	Cheryl Uhl
Brenda Camacho	Pierre Levesque	Stacy Weir
Philip Camacho	Cari Levesque (Barker Levesque)	Steven Weir (Bowers)
Mark Campbell		

Calling all Parrot Heads! 🌴 🦜

Fins Up! to an exclusive Margaritaville experience made especially for you.

We are thrilled to share this exclusive offer at

Margaritaville Beach Resort in Fort Myers Beach Compass by Margaritaville Hotel in Naples, Florida

So, fellow Parrot Heads, seize this chance to escape to Margaritaville – where every moment is a celebration. Hurry, paradise awaits! 🦜 🍹 #ParrotHeadEscape #MargaritavilleExclusive



This offer is not available on the website and is only bookable by using promo code PARROT or by using the direct booking links.

- Booking Link Margaritaville Beach Resort Fort Myers Beach: <https://bit.ly/3RLzHgN>
- Booking Link Compass by Margaritaville Hotel Naples Florida: <https://bit.ly/3H0TXX3>

SCPHC 2024 Planning Calendar

5 Jan 2024 - PHriendship PHriday	3 Jul 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
8 Jan 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	5 Jul 2024 - PHriendship PHriday
11 Jan 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event	9 Jul 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event
18 Jan 2024 - PHlocking	18 Jul 2024 - PHlocking
20 Jan 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event	20 Jul 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event
2 Feb 2024 - PHriendship PHriday	2 Aug 2024 - PHriendship PHriday
7 Feb 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	7 Aug 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
10 Feb 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event	10 Aug 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event
15 Feb 2024 - PHlocking	15 Aug 2024 - PHlocking
	17 Aug 2024 - Wing Battle Event (CHP)
1 Mar 2024 - PHriendship PHriday	
6 Mar 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	4 Sep 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
21 Mar 2024 - PHlocking	6 Sep 2024 - PHriendship PHriday
23 Mar 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event	19 Sep 2024 - PHlocking
31 Mar 2024 - Dog Surfing Festival Event	21 Sep 2024 - MRC Coastal Clean Up
	21 Sep 2024 - Walk to End Alzheimers
3 Apr 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	28 Sep 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event
5 Apr 2024 - PHriendship PHriday	
9 Apr 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event	2 Oct 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
18 Apr 2024 - PHlocking	4 Oct 2024 - PHriendship PHriday
	8 Oct 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event
3 May 2024 - PHriendship PHriday	17 Oct 2024 - PHlocking
4 May 2024 - Swan Lake Event (BBYC)	22 Oct 2024 - MOTM Gulf Shores (PHiP)
8 May 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	
11 May 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event	1 Nov 2024 - PHriendship PHriday
16 May 2024 - PHlocking	7 Nov 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
18 May 2024 - Burger Battle Event (CHP)	9 Nov 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event
25 May 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event	21 Nov 2024 - PHlocking
	23 Nov 2024 - Nutcracker Event (BBYC)
5 Jun 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting	23 Nov 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event
8 Jun 2024 - Birthday Bash	
20 Jun 2024 - PHlocking	? Dec 2024 - PHiP 1 PHamily Blood Dr.
	1 Dec 2024 - Marathon Water Sta.Event
	4 Dec 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting
	7 Dec 2024 - Post-Marathon Clean Up Evt
	13 Dec 2024 - Holiday Party
	19 Dec 2024 - PHlocking

Dates and locations may change. Additional events will be announced.

Board Meetings eat at 5 PM, start at 6: Beef "O" Brady's, 724 S Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach

PHriendship PHridays start at 5 PM: location to be announced

PHlockings start at 5 PM: Pineda Inn Bar & Grill, 6533 US-1, Rockledge

CHP Hunger Project Packing Events start at 5:30 PM: The Children's Hunger Project, 26 Forrest Ave, Cocoa