



Parrot Tales

President's Perch

At the August PHiP conference, someone asked “what do we do when Jimmy is no longer with us?” Well, Jimmy gave us the answer to that in his songs and through his sister LuLu. LuLu who tells us, “...he was very clear that the music, the party, and the good life was to continue.” Let’s do our part!

This quarter we raised over **\$2,500** total for Brevard’s Second Harvest Food Bank, Alzheimer’s Association’s research, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, National Kidney Foundation, The Haven for Children, and Singing for a Change. We donated over **200 hours** to Restore Our Shores’ Sea Grass Nursery and their Oyster Reef Build, TCHP’s Packing Event, Cocoa Beach Cleanup, TCHP’s Wing Challenge, A1A Street Cleanup, and Marine Resources Council’s Coastal Cleanup. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

In addition to our charitable work, we have teams of volunteers who support the club. We have PHriendship PHriday hosts, service event Team Leaders, a webmaster, Birthday Bash and Holiday Party committees and, of course, “The Board.” What we don’t have is a volunteer Editor for this newsletter. Just as none of these previous activities would exist without volunteers, neither will the newsletter. If you can cut, paste, post, please let me know. Let’s not let the newsletter fade away.

Gus Liby

“Some of it’s magic and some of it’s tragic but I had a good life all the way.” ~ Jimmy Buffett

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PHlockings – Pineda Inn Bar and Grill Melbourne 5-8 PM

October 19 – Highway 1 Band

November 16 – Jimi Pappas

PHlockings!!





July 20 PHlocking

The 50/50 recipient was Alzheimer's Association. A total of \$406 was collected with \$203 going to the Association, and \$203 going to the winning ticket holder, Sunny Jim. Lucky Stars was Second Harvest Food Bank and the Brevard director, Greg Hanson, was present to accept a check for \$50 and 279 lbs of food! The food was valued at \$427, so a total of \$477 donated which translates to 432 meals.

August 17 PHlocking

Lucky Stars for August was Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Gus presented member Lil Hobson with a check for \$198 and \$737.40 in donated school supplies



50/50 was the National Kidney Foundation. The winner, Gary Haas, donated his portion. Roberta LeMoine accepted the check for \$270 for the National Kidney Foundation.





Barefoot Reggie Starrett drawing the winning 50/50 ticket and Terry Schuh accepting her win



Gus Liby, Roy Kellner, and Don Alexander paying tribute to Jimmy Buffett



Lucky Stars was The Haven - Development Director, Amber, accepted a check and cash of \$205, as well as about \$500 in gift cards and donated goods.

...and \$200 from the 50/50, plus an additional \$36 in contributions, was given to Singing for Change

September 21 PHlocking

PHriendship PHridays

First PHriday of the Month– 5 PM

Date	Hosts	Where
10/6	Donna Di Bongrazio	Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach
11/3	Michele Lee and Susan Swain	TBD
12/1	None – Christmas Party	

See Ron Mead if you want to host a PHriendship Phriday for 2024!!

2023 Social Events

Date	Time	Events	Where
10/25-29	Daily	PHIP's Meeting of the Minds (MOTM)	Gulf Shores, AL
12/9	6-10	SCPHC Holiday Party	The Tides Club Ballroom, 1001 S. Highway A1A, Patrick Space Force Base



Party With a Purpose Community Service

**It starts with the pledge we take when we are PHlocked –
Leave Brevard a little better than we PHOUND it!**

As a Space Coast Parrot Head, there are tremendous opportunities for service...

PHlockings

Lucky Stars – Organizations that need supplies, food, etc. are featured each month
50/50 Raffle – Collect cash for these organizations in need

HELP – We are looking for input on charities to support in 2024 - if you know of one,
please send an email to one of our Community Service Chairmen
Candace Worthington (candyworthington704@gmail.com) or **Carol Fairman**
(cfairman4@aol.com)

Carol Worthington, Community Services Chairman



Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren



Alzheimer's - What you did to help... and what still needs to be done

On Saturday, Sept. 23, we had fun hanging out with PHellow Parrot Heads at Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village. Twenty-six of us, to be exact! ...and, the weather was perfect! We walked a beautiful 1-mile loop with many other Alzheimer's teams in the fight to **End Alzheimer's!**

The Alzheimer's Charity is Jimmy Buffet's main charity since he lost his father to this disease. As a National Team Member (meaning we raise over \$100,000 **every** year!), we had our own tent, tables, chairs and of course our trusty PH banner!! There was a lot of coffee, donuts, whirling flower flags, fun and fanfare!

Do you know that we are **currently #3** in the list of the **71** teams in the Space Coast Alzheimer's Walk?

Help us to get to the number 2 position!! We still need donations to make our \$10,000 goal.

Do you know that we are **currently #3** in the **whole world** of Parrot Head Clubs (Parrot Heads in Paradise) raising money? (The #1 team is Shoreline Parrot Heads #2 is Chicago Parrot Heads) Pretty impressive!!

Please go to our team page to donate!

act.alz.org/spacecoast

Click the Donate button and enter our team name "Space Coast Parrot Head Club".

**Thanks to all PHs who walked/donated to this worthy cause!!!
Remember, donations received before 12/31/2023 count in our total!**



Parrot Heads Clean It Up...

Let's Leave Brevard a Cleaner Place

Street Cleans-Ups meet at Island Guys Detailing Shop. 6211
North Atlantic Ave., Cape Canaveral at 9:30 AM



We adopted a section of A1A, from
the Port to the 7000 block North.
Look for the signs in both directions.

Next Street Cleanup
January 20, 2024

August 26 Cleanup Crew of 15.
Picked up lots of trash!!



Parrot Heads Keep Cleaning It Up...

12 Parrot Heads participated in the Marine Resources Council International Causeway Clean Up on September 16th at the Pineda Causeway

Parrot Heads Volunteer...

Children's Hunger Project

July 11, 2023



Next SCPHC Packing Event at The Children's Hunger Project will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023.

Parrot Head - Other Volunteer Opportunities...

When	What	Where
October 10	*Hunger Project Packing	26 Forrest Ave. , Cocoa
November 18	Build Oyster Bar Gabions	Brevard Zoo, 8225 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne
November 26	Space Coast Marathon	2179 Rockledge Dr., Rockledge

* Begins at 5:30 PM

If you know of a local charity you'd like the club to sponsor, talk with any board member



Space Coast Parrot Head Club Holiday Party

Tides Restaurant Satellite Beach
Saturday, December 9, 2023
from 6 pm–10 pm

Bill Cockrell and Carl Watson

Music by



Buffet Dinner includes:

- Caesar Salad
- Garden Salad
- Stuffed Chicken Breast with Artichoke & Fontina Cream Sauce
- Thyme & Rosemary Prime Rib
- Seared Salmon with Shallot White Wine
- Fingerling Potatoes
- Seasoned Wild Rice
- Grilled Asparagus with Shaved Parmesan
- Seasoned Roasted Vegetables
- Coffee and Iced Tea
- Dessert

Silent Auction to Benefit
The Haven for Children

Tickets \$45 per person

purchased by November 1st

Tickets \$50 per person after November 1st

Purchase online at spacecoastparrotheads.com, at monthly
Phlockings or Phriendship Phridays
\$2 service charge for online and credit card purchases

The Strange and Humble Origins of the Meeting of the Minds

If it was not for an unhappy social life and one ruined family vacation, we would not be.

In 1989, Scott Nickerson, a drummer in Atlanta, put an ad in the paper looking for a group of like-minded people. Brad Rogers, another member of the first chapter came up with the name Parrot Heads in Paradise. To get this off the ground Jimmy Buffet sent Scott \$1,000, to cover his phone calls.

The first MOTM was held in New Orleans in December of 1992, and attended by four clubs and 85 people. The fee was \$5, and there was no music.



"MEETING OF THE MINDS"
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ITINERARY

Friday, Dec. 18, 1992
8:00pm - 10:00pm Happy Hour/Mixer at Jumbo's Bar in the Holiday Inn, Royal St.

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1992
9:00am - 10:00am Special Private Tour of the Margaritaville Store
1:00pm - 4:00pm General information exchange in a conference room at the Holiday Inn, Royal St.
7:00pm - 9:00pm Walking tour of the French Quarter, including Jimmy's "haunts" from his early days there.
10:00pm - TIL The Tropical Isle, for live music from Al Miller, "The Cajun Jimmy Buffett"

Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992
11:00am - 1:00pm Breakfast at the "Cafe DuMonde"

The Strange and Humble Origins of the Meeting of the Minds – Continued

Laura Ennis shared this information with us. The next three pages are the article that was written. It is a very interesting read.



The Strange and Humble Origins of Meeting of the Minds



One Unhappy Social Life and One Ruined Family Vacation Started it All

Text by Rob Hill

It started as a whimsical classified ad in an Atlanta newspaper and led to a small enthusiastic gathering in New Orleans among "people of like minds." And here we are, thousands of Parrot Head Club members, gathered for the 30th occurrence of that event, now an enduring institution that celebrates an organization that is part fan club, part social club and part community service organization. And

because every story needs a little symmetry, the 30th Meeting of the Minds is expected to end in much the same way as the first began - with a Buffett song performed by the founders.

"I'm blown away that it's lasted 33 years and that it's still viable and productive," says Scott Nickerson, who placed that ad in 1989. "I don't take credit for anything but the idea, but the fact that it's continued to do all the good

that it's done, it blows me away."

For those who've been part of the Parrot Head Culture for less than a decade or two, it's almost taken for granted. Another year, hundreds of thousands more volunteer hours donated, a few more millions raised for charities, and dozens of gatherings around the country and the world. Like-minded fans of Jimmy Buffett gather for concerts and parties with purposes, where friendships are made, strengthened and celebrated and put to work for the benefit of worthy causes around the country.

There's no better time than the 30th Anniversary of Meeting of the Minds to marvel at the fact that it all started when Nickerson, a drummer and Buffett fan dissatisfied with his social life, reached out with the ad to find some like-minded friends. That led to the founding of the Atlanta Parrot Head Club. A short time later, Brad Rodgers, an original member of the club, coined the term "Parrot Heads in Paradise."

Meanwhile, as Scott worked with the Buffett organization to make sure he didn't run afoul of trademarks and copyrights, Mary and Jerry Diaz had to come up with a name for the group of Buffett fans that was volunteering for beach cleanups in Southeast Texas.

"The organizers of the beach cleanup were always asking us what the name of our group was," Mary recalls. "So Jerry contacted Coconut Telegraph, and they told us to contact Scott." That resulted in the formation of the world's second Parrot Head Club. In 1992,

Even when the organizations were in their embryonic stages, Nickerson knew they were onto something. Buffett's team was getting calls about it, and long before the technology existed for something to "go viral," the idea was showing signs of going viral.

"They didn't know what to do about it,"

Scott reflects. "So they just put my number in the Coconut Telegraph." He'd been told the Buffett team was going to help with his long distance telephone bill, and sure enough, a helpful envelope arrived from Key West a short while later.

"They sent me a thousand dollars in cash," he laughs. "That's all that was in the envelope. No note, no card, nothing. Just cash."

In 1992, Jerry and Mary suggested to Scott that the clubs should gather to generate some synergy. The Diaz family was already planning their annual Christmas family vacation in New Orleans, so they just added some Parrot Heads to the guest list. The Coconut Telegraph called Jerry and said they needed a name for the event in order to publish a notice about it. Jerry held a two-second meeting with himself and blurted out "Meeting of the Minds."

"If you're thinking this was the result of a lot of brainstorming," Jerry smiles, "no it wasn't. It was a throw-away idea that I thought about for a few seconds on a phone call. If I'd known it would still be around 30 years later with a logo and a website, I might have given it some more thought."

By the time of the event, two more Parrot Head Clubs had formed, and word had gotten around to other areas of the country. About 85 people showed up. Mary typed up an agenda that included a happy hour and a business meeting, even though no one knew what the business would be. The registration fee was \$5.00, though attendees had to pay extra for the tee-shirt. There was no scheduled music.

"The music component was completely spontaneous," Jerry remembers. "It's hard to explain now because it's so commonplace, but for us back then, to meet people from another state that were Parrot Heads and actually see

them in person and hang out with them was just crazy. That by itself was so much fun."

Jerry played guitar and Scott played harmonica, and they both knew a bunch of Jimmy Buffett songs, and that became the music. And despite the spontaneous and organic nature of it all, Nickerson and the Diazes agree it was instantly apparent to everyone involved that this was no one-off event.

"We knew we were onto something, but we didn't have a clue what it would become," Jerry says. In the six months following that first MOTM, about forty more Parrot Head Clubs formed around the country. "It was kind of like Noah's Ark for Parrot Heads. Two people from Iowa, two from North Carolina, and they all went home and formed Parrot Head Clubs."

As the early Parrot Head pioneers went forth and multiplied, the size of the subsequent MOTMs also grew rapidly, and so did the musical component of the convention, with the A1A Band, Don Middlebrook, Brent Burns, Jim Hoehn, and all-female band Evangeline joining the ranks of MOTM musicians over the next few years.

"I think what made it bigger was the influx of original trop rock music," Jerry says, "and that part I couldn't have predicted. At the first one, I had not even written an original song myself."

The event's numbers grew annually and steeply, spreading the event through the city.

"There were pros and cons," says Brad, who attended all the New Orleans events. "Things got pretty spread out, and so you might not see everybody, and there were so many musicians, and so many different things to choose from."

It was not long before the expansion

of Parrot Head Nation grew the event to the point where it outgrew its original host city. The last two New Orleans events were held at the convention center, which, Mary says, was "really not the right vibe for us." It was obvious to everyone, Jerry recalls, that the event needed a new host city, and Key West was the obvious choice. And while some things remain the same - everything they did at the first MOTM is still part of the event today - it's the evolution of the event, and particularly the music, that are most exciting to MOTM's founders.

Jerry and other veteran trop rock artists are famously generous with his time and wisdom to young artists. If there are upcoming artists who don't have a story about Jerry helping to get a gig or a memory of having Sunny Jim sit on a set, they surely will soon enough. And that has turned the artist community into an intergenerational one, in which the older artists extend helping hands to the younger ones, and the young artists hold up their mentors as legends and yet everyone, fans included, is embraced as a friend.

"It's my favorite thing about where we are today," Mary muses. "I love seeing the young artists come along. It's so cool, and they're so happy to be hanging out with us old people!"

The Meeting of the Minds. The name, though hasty in its conception, was intended, Mary says, to describe a gathering of people of like minds. And, of course, that's still an accurate if incomplete description.

"We thought it would be a group of like-minded people," she adds "And that they would continue to have relationships for their whole lives. And look, that's exactly what has happened."

Space Coast Parrot Heads were Founded

In May of 2005, our chapter was formed. At that time there were 200 chapters in existence in 200 states and 7 foreign countries. Dues were \$10, Keets were free.

Laura has shared this wonderful article with us.

10G WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005



Pat Clay, for FLORIDA TODAY

Buffett fans. Members of the Space Coast Parrot Head Club are, front row from left, Dennis Brown and Linda Bemis; back row, David Bemis, Lia Allawas, Terri Clawson, Betsy Brown and Pat Clawson.

Parrot Heads 'phlock' for enjoyment, causes

Area Buffett fans seek membership in fun-loving club

BY PAT CLAY
FOR FLORIDA TODAY

Surrounded by mellow guitar music and tropical atmosphere, Jimmy Buffett fans congregated recently at the Wacky Hut on Merritt Island to begin Space Coast Parrot Heads, a Brevard County chapter of Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc.

When the group acquires 30 members, it will be welcomed into the international "PHflock." The initials for Parrot Head, are substituted for "F" in all club communications, thus flock becomes "PHflock," and the founding members or founding feathers becomes "PHounding PHeathers."

In existence for 15 years, Parrot Heads in Paradise is comprised of over 200 chapters throughout 45 states and seven countries.

Buffett did not want a typical fan club. He sanctioned the Parrot Heads because they are committed to philanthropic and environmental activities. Each group must work for a cause every month. In 2004, Parrot Heads volunteered more than 400,000 hours of community service,

according to the organization's Website.

Buffett aficionados want it known they are more than crazy party people wearing silly hats.

"It's about the music and what we can do for other people as much as for fun," said Betsy Brown of Orlando. She and Pat Clawson of Merritt Island, are co-chairwomen of the new chapter.

In 1998, Clawson, a civilian Air Force employee, escorted Buffett on a tour of Patrick Air Force Base.

"He was everything I hoped he'd be," said Clawson. "He was friendly, smart and witty. The most down-to-earth famous person I've ever met. After meeting him I was even more of a fan."

Space Coast Parrot Heads will meet on the third Friday evening of each month at a place as yet to be determined. Dues are \$10 a year. "Keets" to age 17 may join at no cost.

"We are a social/service organization for singles, couples and 'PHamilies,'" said Brown. "We party with a purpose. Through fundraising and hands on help, Parrot Heads intend to leave this place better than we found it."

For more information about Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. log onto www.phip.com

For Space Coast Parrot Heads information or to join the "PHun," send an e-mail to parenthel@aol.com ■

Where the PHlock are we Going???

Trop Rock Events

<https://troprock.org/events/>

Parrot Head Club Events

<p>Who: Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club What: Music On The Bay When: Early March Where: Whiskey Joe's, Tampa Bay, FL https://finsup.com/pricing-page/music-on-the-bay</p>	<p>What: Pirates in the Harbor When: End of July Where: Public House at the Market Hanover, PA www.piratesintheharbour.com</p>
<p>Who: Beaches A1A PHC What: Beaches A1A Beach Bash When: Mid June Where: Guy Harvey Resort, St. Augustine Beach, FL http://a1aparrotheads.org</p>	<p>Who: Austin TX PHC What: Pirate's Ball When: End of August Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, TX www.atxphc.com/piratesball2023</p>
<p>Who: Galveston Bay PHC What: One Particular Harbor (26th Riddles in the Sand) When: End of July Where: The Victorian, Galveston TX https://gbphc-riddlesinthesand.com/registration</p>	<p>Who: Isles of Iowa PHC What: Island Fever Showcase When: Sept 1 - 4, 2023 Where: Historic Surf Ballroom, Clear Lake IA www.islandfevershowcase.com</p>

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Trop Rock Events

<https://troprock.org/events/>

Parrot Head Club Events

<p>Who: Northeast Regional Parrot head Club What: Northeast Regional Club Convention When: Mid April 2025 Where: Mansfield, MA http://nerphc.org/registration</p>	<p>Who: Coastal Carolina Parrot Head Club What: Throw Back Shell Beach Party When: Mid September (Sold Out this Year) Where: North Myrtle Bch, NC https://cofcphc.com/throw-back-shell-beach-party</p>
<p>Who: Kansas City Parrot Head Club What: TropRockin Ozarks Fest When: Mid August Where: Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO 65065 https://finsleft.com/event/troprockin-ozarks-fest</p>	<p>Who: Phins To The West What: Under The Phinfluence When: Early June Where: Casablanca Resort, Mesquite NV</p>

Where the PHlock are we Going???

Listening to our Trop Rock Musicians

- **Donny Brewer**
donnybrewer.com

Jimmy Parrish
jimmyparrishonline.com

- **Jerry Diaz**
- www.jerrydiaz.com

Mike Nash
nashmike.com

- **Thom Shepard**
- www.thomshepherd.com

Sunny Jim
sunnyjim.com

- **Brent Burns**
- brentburns.com

Where the PHlock are we Going???



PHiP's Annual Meeting of the Minds 2023
Tuesday, October 24th – Sunday, October 29, 2023
Second Wind, Kicking In

To register go to <https://motm.rocks/registration/>

Where the PHlock are we Going???

Rock the Caribbean Cruise with John McDonald and Highway 1 Band



FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Join us as we embark on the Norwegian Escape again for a 7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise sailing from Port Canaveral. We will visit the Ports of Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios and Norwegian's Private Island at Great Stirrup Cay.

Come celebrate Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras and the Super Bowl with John McDonald and Highway 1 Band.

There is a \$85 per person Entertainment Fee, in addition to the cost of the cruise, and is payable directly to Highway 1 by either Check (Mail check to Highway 1 Band, P.O. Box 320363, Cocoa Beach, FL 32932) or Venmo (Joe Battista @ Highway 1 Band).

For more information on this wonderful event and to make your reservation, you can contact Linda Hilson at 863-326-1000 or email at Lhilson@cruiseplanners.com



Speaking of Partying... Let's Have a Team Drink

Sage's Spicy Cucumber

Ingredients

- 1.5 cucumber & jalapeño infused tequila
- Juice of ½ lime
- Dollop of nectar
- Mix and serve over ice

Makes 1 serving

Mary Anne Moore

- This comes from Sage Bistro on AIA in Cape Canaveral



Birthday Wishes for....

July

1 Margie Griffith
2 Janice Godfrey
3 Jim Thompson
4 Candy Worthington
5 Joe Battista
6 Lee Keefer
6 Delaney Maroney
8 Kim Tampa
10 Barb Bush
14 Robin Carroll
15 Vincene Stanfield
19 Murry Bell
20 Kate Jones
20 Ed Kelly
21 Roberta Lemoine
23 Bill Cole
24 Floridave Dickens
28 Doug Serrano
29 Susan Bradfield
30 Beachbum Prince

August

4 Ron Mead
7 Bobert Brock
7 Tony Kusky
7 Carla Hughs
8 Sassy Thirlwell
9 John Friday
10 Bill Stewart
11 Bob DiMassa
12 Missy Meador
13 Cayden Richardson
15 Capt Bob McClain
15 Linda Shuler
16 Anne Downing
17 WeeKend Beaver
17 Sandy Sanderson
18 Dan Little
18 Trish Shimer

20 Elaine Edwards
22 Nancy Venne
24 Bruce Stanfield
26 Chris Edwards
26 Dwight Sorenson
27 Judy Delgado
27 Lori Manary
29 Ken Baxley
30 Dave Griffith
30 Gary Unger
31 Cindy Hawkins



Birthday Wishes for....



September

- 1 Lorelei Ennis
- 3 Shay-aRon Jenkins
- 7 Mike Peacock
- 10 Lizzie Stewart
- 12 Chris DeLaere
- 12 Deb Richardson
- 13 Mike Ernst
- 14 Woody Woodall
- 15 Susan Musil
- 17 Rick Shimer
- 18 Donna Cavanaugh
- 18 Margaret Gibb
- 20 Island Mike Camelin
- 20 Barbi Miller
- 20 Cheryl Paesano
- 25 Vincent Hobson
- 30 Betty Walsh



May you live a life of happiness and be happy with the life you live.



Our Website

<https://www.spacecoastparrotheads.com>

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- Webmaster, 'Bongo' Bob Norway.
 - Any suggestions or ideas for the website, feel free to contact me at thexaminer@gmail.com

The Newsletter

This is your newsletter, so to make it work, your help is drastically needed

- **Let us know what you want**
- **Let us know what you do not want**
- **Contribute something you want to share**
- **Please Read It**

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