



SPRING 2024 EDITION

# PARROT TALES

## President's Perch

by Club President, Gus Liby

Hello Parrot Heads,

Man, the first quarter of 2024 flew by! Thank you to all who supported our last quarter service events: The



Hunger Project Packing, A1A Street Clean Up, Restore Our Shores Gabion Build & Fill, The Grant Seafood Festival, Cocoa Beach Cleanup, and the East Coast Dog Surfing Festival.

Our Out-of-Town Artist Program continues this quarter with two Trop Rock Music Association (TRMA) Award winning artists: Don Middlebrook on April 18th and Jimmy Parrishon on June 20th. These are two must-do Phlockings if you want to learn who stole Jimmy Buffet's TV Guide and what's sitting (& how many brands) on the "...top shelf."

The board to working harder than ever to ensure plenty of club events where you can party with a purpose. You will see invitations to help with the Birthday Bash, the Holiday Party and a special, Alzheimer's fundraiser in August. Please find time in your schedule to help with these events when needed.

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## Parrot Heads in the Wild

by Parrot Tales Editor, Liz Applegate

Parrot Head clubs pride themselves on service organizations that provide service and have fun doing it. As members, we pride ourselves on leaving the world better than we found it.

Many members of our club volunteer with Space Coast Parrot Head Club (SCPHC) service opportunities and participate in activities throughout Brevard County with other organizations.

Don Rosenberry and Robbie Robinson volunteered for Santa's Bootstraps Program through the Elk's Lodge in December. The lodge purchased food for families in need, which had to last at least a week during the Christmas holiday.

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Then, members helped pack groceries into trucks at the store and unload them at the lodge, dividing everything into boxes for the 75 families. The packages were then delivered to the families. Fifteen routes were available last year, and Don and Robbie delivered one. The program has been held for over 15 years and grows each year.



*Robbie Robinson & Don Rosenberry packing groceries for Santa's Bootstraps Program through the Elk's Lodge in December.*

And speaking of Robbie Robinson, he's been a member of Keep Brevard Beautiful since 2011 and was nominated for volunteer of the year in 2023.

Don and Sue Rosenberry were back in March, volunteering with Elk's Kids Day to support the children of Brevard County. Bounce houses and games provided free lunches for area children, and the day also included fun with games, face painting, and bounce houses.

Ken Applegate volunteers with Let the Heroes Know, a new organization working to help Brevard County veterans with centralized support information. The organization organized HeroFest, held in Palm Bay in February and Titusville in April, with Ken helping solicit sponsorships and setting up the day event.

Through exposure from SCPHC, Ken has also

volunteered outside of the club for The Children's Hunger Project and Restore Our Shores. He and I have also volunteered with the Marine Resource Council and Cocoa Kayaking to clean up the Haulover Canal waterway in Merritt Island.



Rich and Barbi Miller are both involved with Special Olympics. Barbi volunteers as a coach for elementary students, young athletes, and adult

*Ken Applegate & I (Liz) volunteered with Cocoa Kayaking for the Marine Resource Council. Along with ten others, we picked up trash via kayak along the Haulover Canal in Merritt Island.*



*Rich & Barbi Miller volunteer with Special Olympics. (Top) Barbi with her current Unified Track Team where she is the coach. (Bottom) Rich as a Unified Partner on the Unified Softball Team.*

men. She works with Unified Sports athletes who join people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members who've joined since the start of 2024!

Charlie Carroll  
Beth Cockrell  
John Edwards  
Jana Gallagher  
Jim Gallagher  
Gary Hawkins  
Rachel Koscielniak  
Denise Lambert  
Carol Spink  
Leo Spink  
Cheryl Sumner  
Moya Thompson  
Stephen Thompson



*New members being phlocked February 15, 2024. Be sure to welcome new members and those in white leis at Phlockings.*

## Announcing: SCPHC Ambassadors

SCPHC is growing! And that's a wonderful opportunity for the club. But with that, it's often easy for those of us who have been in the club for some time to remember what it's like to be a new member—to walk into an event, not know anyone, and find out that chairs are saved around a table or even not sure who to speak to or what this silly Parrot Head language is!

A new position, Club Ambassador, has been formed to help new members feel welcome and invite them to join SCPHC. A Club Ambassador's job is to save a couple of extra seats at their table for new (white flower leis) or recently new members to help them feel welcome at our Phlockings.

Ambassadors will have unique lanyards, and flags will be provided for tables. Also, newbie "getting to know" the club questionnaires will include getting a signature from one or more Ambassadors. Look for your Ambassadors beginning in April!

The SCPHC Ambassadors are CJ Casner, Ron Mead and Carla Hughes, Jackie Kellner, Ben and Linda Shuler, and Susi and Woody Woodal.

We can easily walk into these events when we know one another—many for close to 20 years, if not longer. But to a new member, it can seem unwelcoming—even if that's not how we mean it. Even if you aren't an "official" Club Ambassador, we are all ambassadors of Jimmy's wish to unite people for fun and service.

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You may have heard that August 30, 2024 has been proclaimed as "Jimmy Buffett Day" in Florida to celebrate the life and music of Jimmy. This is the Friday of Labor Day weekend and we will have our own Labor Day weekend show. So, if you're not going to be out of town, save that date!

Finally, we have established committees for the quadrennial review of the Club's Bylaws and to prepare guidelines on use of our social media outlets. If you have a concern or suggestion in either of these, please take time to respond to the questionnaires when they come.

*Livin' in a Postcard,*  
Gus

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## WANT MORE TROP ROCK FUN?

For those of you looking to experience even more trop rock music, now is the time to plan for upcoming events.

**Go to the [Where to Go? What to Do?](#) page (or [click here!](#)) of the club's website to see the variety of options available.**

Note, this year's "Meeting of the Minds" is bigger than ever with more days and artists. Links to these events are on the website.

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Athletes and partners play together as one team, and neither is treated differently. Rich is a Unified Partner on the unified softball team. Their team traveled to compete at the USA Games in New Jersey in 2014, and Rich also traveled to compete at the USA Games in Seattle in 2018.

Rich also volunteers as a Board Member for the Brevard Schools Foundation (BSF). He is currently the Board Chair, so he's sometimes asked to participate in speaking events.

Many of our SCPHC members have recently been volunteering to read scholarship applications for BSF.

Beyond just our club event, many SCPHC members volunteer at Parrot Head events nationwide, including the upcoming Throwback Shell Beach Party from the Coast of Carolina Parrot Head Club, Music on the Bay, Meeting of the Minds, and so many more opportunities to

listen to good music and meet up with friends old and new. Behind it all, these events also support charities.

Parrot Heads worldwide take Jimmy Buffet's vision of philanthropy seriously and strive to leave the world a better place

than we found it. The SCPHC is growing here in Brevard County. May our influence of community and care be one that forever guides us.



*Rich Miller is currently the Board Chair of the Brevard Schools Foundation.*

# SO FAR THIS YEAR...

2024 has started with a "bongo drop" and hasn't slowed down yet! The year started with a packing event at the Children's Hunger Project. Bad weather had us move the event to January 11 but we still had 27 members help to pack 1560 meals for 54 service hours.



27 SCPHC members helped pack 1560 meals for the Children's Hunger Project on January 11.

Our first Phlocking of 2024 was held on January 18 with 65 in attendance and music by Joe Downing. Lucky Star's recipient was Brevard Second Harvest Food Bank. The club collected 244 pounds of food: \$209 initial & \$158 in cash was presented to Second Harvest. This amount translates to 1468 meals. January's 50/50 was Fisher House Foundation with a check in the amount of \$180.

On January 20, 10 SCPHC members helped to clean our adopted section of A1A in Cape Canaveral. Two hours of work, lots of trash, and 20 service hours were collected. No pop tops or blown-out flip-flops were found.

## February

Thanks to Gary Unger, February's Phriendship Phriday was held on February 2 at Hell'n Blazes Brewing Co., Downtown Melbourne. 45 were in attendance.

On February 10, 17 SCPHC members participated in Restore Our Shores Gabion Build & Fill for 72 volunteer hours. Gabions are filled



Ten club members met on Saturday, February 10 to build and fill oyster gabions for Restore Our Shores. One oyster can clean up to 50 gallons of water a day. The Indian River Lagoon is already benefitting from this ongoing project with Restore Our Shores creating oyster "reefs" that attract oysters to create their home there.

with oyster shells donated from local restaurants and are used to build "reefs" in the Indian River Lagoon.

Club members volunteered at the Children's Hunger Project on Tuesday, February 13, to help pack meals for Palm Bay Elementary School. This impromptu gathering was an excellent way to introduce SCPHC to community members.

Our February Phlocking was held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Pineda Inn. There were 65 attendees, and music was provided by Floridave. The Lucky Stars recipient was Crystal's Critter Care and Rescue, Inc. A check was presented for \$152, plus \$60 cash. We also donated \$500 worth of goods needed. Our 50/50 was the Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind. A check was presented for \$243.

## March

March was kicked off with Phriendship Phriday on March 1, 2024. Thanks to Joe Battista, the event was held at Cheers on the Beach, in Melbourne Beach, with 42 in attendance.

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A new service opportunity took place March 2-3 with 18 members volunteering at the Grant Seafood Festival. The festival helps provide funds for scholarships for youth who also volunteer that weekend.

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On Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3, 18 SCPHC members traveled south to Grant to volunteer at the Grant Seafood Festival: Scallops & Calamari Booth. The festival funds scholarships for senior high school youth in the area. Thanks to the volunteers, 108 volunteer hours (and lots of calamari) were earned.



Six Brevard County charities received a \$500 donation from the club during March's Phlocking. The funds were donated from Running Zone for the club's volunteer hours with 2023 Space Coast Marathon.

March's Phlocking was held on Thursday, March

21, with entertainment by John McDonald. Our Lucky Stars was Nanna's House and our 50-50 recipients were Candlelighters of Brevard,.

With the \$3000 check that we received from The Running Zone Foundation for our participation in the 2023 Space Coast Marathon. During March's Phlocking, our club made \$500 donations to the following 501(C)3 Charities:

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Guitars for Vets
- Brevard Humane Society
- Melbourne Avian Rescue Sanctuary
- Marine Resource Council
- Children's Hunger Project

Our first service event for March was a Beach Cleanup on Saturday, March 23.

Thirteen club members met at Cocoa Beach Community Church in Cocoa Beach. The cleanup happened along A1A and along the beach. We are still searching for that shaker of salt.



The final service project for

the first quarter of 2024 was held on Sunday, March 31, at the East Coast Dog Surfing Festival at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach. 15 club members volunteered with proceeds benefitting the Brevard County Humane Society.

Easter Sunday went to the dogs this year! 15 Club members volunteered for the East Coast Dog Surfing Festival at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach with proceeds going to Brevard Humane Society.

We're just getting started in 2024! Be sure to visit the planning calendar on page 9 to make your calendars for upcoming service and social events!

# Nobody Wants to See Parrot Heads Go Hungry or Thirsty!

Everybody loves PHfriendship PHridays! It is through PH PHs, that we find new and exotic places to eat & drink and catch up with our fellow parrot heads.

PH PHs only work because members take the time to host the event for 50+ of their favorite friends. Right now, we have no one signed up to host in July or November! Unfortunately, if there are no hosts, there will be no PHfriendship PHriday.

Hosting is as easy as setting up a dinner reservation. PH PHs occur on the 1st PHriday of the month. Events can be anywhere in Brevard County. The Club will handle notifications for you.

Host duties:

- Select a special eating place - OK if no band or water
- Contact the restaurant & reserve tables for 50 or so of your favorite parrot heads
- Take RSVPs and inform the restaurant of the final count

A common trap to fall into is to wait to sign up until you confirm with the restaurant. Too often we get so busy we forget to check and then we forget to sign up. A more successful method is to sign up and then go on a quest to find the restaurant.

So, please sign up now. Contact Floyd at [HurricaneSCPHC@gmail.com](mailto:HurricaneSCPHC@gmail.com) or call him at (321) 431-1559. If those months don't work for you, go ahead and sign up for next year!

Our next PHfriendship PHriday will be held Friday, May 3rd at Salty Sisters in Cocoa Beach. Watch for email invites to RSVP soon!

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## IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

*Bartender, Linda Norway*

### Key West Coladas

- 3/4 oz coconut rum
- 3 oz pineapple juice
- 2 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 2 splashes orange juice
- 3/4 oz cream
- 2 ice cubes

Place all ingredients in a blender. Blend for 1 minute or until smooth. Garnish and enjoy!

Be sure to share photos of Parrot Tales Cocktails you try to [parrottales321@gmail.com](mailto:parrottales321@gmail.com).





## **FINS UP IN FINLAND**

*by SCPHC Member & Club's Children's Hunger Project Coordinator, Barbi Miller*

Rich and I travel all over the world, and we're often looking for inspiration that points us to our next place.

When Buffett passed over Labor Day weekend last year, we decided to travel to Finland in his honor. We had both always wanted to see the Northern Lights in a magnificent way, and northern Finland is one of the best places to do that. Buffett's passing reminded us that life is short, and we need to do the things on our "lists" while we can.

Remembering Buffett's 2011 Welcome to Finland Tour made Finland a perfect trip for us to honor Buffett. We bought a large version of the Buffett Finland flag we've displayed on our boat for years, and we packed it in our suitcase for Finland. And, of course, we played a whole lot of Buffett music while we were there!



# SCPHC 2024 Planning Calendar

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| 5 Jan 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          | 2 Aug 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday                      |
| 8 Jan 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 7 Aug 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting                       |
| 11 Jan 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event | 10 Aug 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event                 |
| 18 Jan 2024 - PHlocking                    | 15 Aug 2024 - PHlocking                                |
| 20 Jan 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event    | 17 Aug 2024 - Wing Battle Event (CHP)                  |
|  | 18 Aug 2024 - Alzheimers Fundraiser                    |
| 2 Feb 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          | 30 Aug 2024 - "Jimmy Buffet Day" Memorial & Fundraiser |
| 7 Feb 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           |  |
| 10 Feb 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event     |  |
| 15 Feb 2024 - PHlocking                    | 4 Sep 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting                       |
|  | 6 Sep 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday                      |
| 1 Mar 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          | 19 Sep 2024 - PHlocking                                |
| 6 Mar 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 21 Sep 2024 - MRC Coastal Clean Up                     |
| 21 Mar 2024 - PHlocking                    | 21 Sep 2024 - Walk to End Alzheimers                   |
| 23 Mar 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event         | 28 Sep 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event                |
| 31 Mar 2024 - Dog Surfing Festival Event   |  |
|  | 2 Oct 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting                       |
| 3 Apr 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 4 Oct 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday                      |
| 5 Apr 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          | 8 Oct 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event              |
| 9 Apr 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event  | 17 Oct 2024 - PHlocking                                |
| 18 Apr 2024 - PHlocking                    | 22 Oct 2024 - MOTM Gulf Shores (PHiP)                  |
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| 1 May 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 1 Nov 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday                      |
| 3 May 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          | 7 Nov 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting                       |
| 4 May 2024 - Swan Lake Event (BBYC)        | 9 Nov 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event                  |
| 11 May 2024 - Restore Our Shores Event     | 21 Nov 2024 - PHlocking                                |
| 16 May 2024 - PHlocking                    | 23 Nov 2024 - Nutcracker Event (BBYC)                  |
| 18 May 2024 - Burger Battle Event (CHP)    | 23 Nov 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event                     |
| 25 May 2024 - A1A Street Clean Up Event    |  |
|  | 2 Dec 2024 - PHiP 1 PHamily Blood Dr.                  |
| 5 Jun 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 1 Dec 2024 - Marathon Water Sta.Event                  |
| 8 Jun 2024 - Birthday Bash                 | 4 Dec 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting                       |
| 20 Jun 2024 - PHlocking                    | 7 Dec 2024 - Post-Marathon Clean Up Evt                |
|  | 13 Dec 2024 - Holiday Party                            |
| 3 Jul 2024 - SCPHC Board Meeting           | 19 Dec 2024 - PHlocking                                |
| 5 Jul 2024 - PHfriendship PHriday          |  |
| 9 Jul 2024 - Hunger Project Packing Event  |  |
| 18 Jul 2024 - PHlocking                    |  |
| 20 Jul 2024 - Beach Clean Up Event         |  |

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

PHfriendship 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