



# Parrot Tales

## Winter 2025

Hello Parrot Heads!

What a year this has been! Our Phlock has grown quite a bit this year to the point we now have about 100 people at each Phlocking, and more people join each month! We have accomplished a lot with Restore Ours Shore, Children's Hunger Project, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren among our many beneficiaries. I'm sure our volunteer hours and donations will top last year's amounts.

We had a very successful club picnic in June, and a very nice Christmas Party recently, where we raised \$1300 for The Haven for Children. The marathon water stop was also a success, for which we may receive about \$3,000. The volunteers who did all the planning for these events are to be commended. In 2026 we will be hosting the Florida regional leadership conference at the Hotel Melby, in Melbourne. More to come on what's needed for that event.

The Parrot Head world is an amazing space. I will make an effort to get a list of many parrot head events that happen annually. MOTM (Meeting Of The Minds), now in Gulf Shores, Alabama, that is the most important annual gathering of Parrot heads. Check out PHIP.COM for info on this and other items.

I look forward to another great year with this club. As a newer member told me recently "I have found my people"! It is one big Phamily! See you out and about in 2026!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ron Mead, President.

## Editor Corner by Nancy Tucker:

My husband, Steve and I, were excited to attend the Meeting of the Minds this year for the first time. It was held in Gulf Shores, Alabama on October 22-26. We saw a phenomenal amount of live music by some of our favorite Trop Rockers and we were happy to see some new musicians. There are several venues to choose from and lots of other fundraising events to choose from. We had a nice condo setup right next door to The Hang Out with a beautiful view of the Gulf.

Here's a list of some of musicians we saw: Tall Paul & Kristie, Sunny Jim, Brendan Mayer, Eric Erdman, Aaron Scherz, Joe Downing, Thom Shepherd & Coley McCabe, Mike Nash, Will Kimbrough, Jason Acy, Jerry Diaz, Jimmy Parrish & The Waves, Jonas Lorence Band, Reggie Starrett, Jim Hoehn, Dan Sullivan, El Wencho, Monallo & Jax, Wheeland Brothers, Heather Vidal, Kirstie Kraus, Carrie Welling, Jesse Rice, Gramps Morgan. Believe it or not, we did miss a few!

In the past we have been on a few Trop Rock trips, so we were happy to catch up with some phriends we met up on those from Texas, South Carolina, California. Imagine a big annual family reunion - that's what MOTM is!

### **The Parrot Heads raised over \$100,000 during Meeting of the Minds**

**while they were in town!** Utilizing a party with a purpose philosophy, Parrot Heads always leave their event and the communities where they gather a little better than they found them. While here, they donated funds to the following: Special Operations Warrior Foundation, \$2000; Bras Across the Causeway, \$2000; South Baldwin Community Theater, \$2000; Christian Service Center, \$2000, 81 toys, 60 pairs of shoes; Foley HS Steel Drum Band, \$2000; Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, \$3900; Singing for a Change, \$9500; PHiP Scholarship, \$9935; Other PHiP donations, \$4725; Skippin & Sippin, \$2600; Parrot Heads do Brasway, \$5000; Lone Palm Foundation, \$35,543; Direct contributions total \$78,603, and assisted contributions added \$26,000 for a total of \$104,603.

- Mullet Wrapper





# Space Coast Parrot Heads raise \$\$ for Alzheimer's

As of November 29th, Laura Ennis reports that PHiP has met its goal of \$250,000. We are the number 4 team! This was the first year we became a Gold National Team. We have always been a Silver National team before!

**We have until December 31 for our final amount to be tallied.**

**Our goal is \$15,000 and we are still shy of that. So please go to [act.alz.org](https://act.alz.org) and donate to our team!**

## Why We Walk:

In 1994, Jimmy Buffett's father, James Delaney Buffett, Jr. was stricken with Alzheimer's disease and passed away at age 83 in May of 2003. It was then that many Parrot Head clubs elected to do something as a tribute to Jimmy's father. Our PHiP chapters not only support Alzheimer's to honor Jimmy's father but because we're seeing this devastating plague insinuate itself into our own ranks. So as Jimmy says we are "plowin' straight ahead, come what may!" Walk on Space Coast Parrotheads!!

<b>5 O'Clock Phlock Parrot Heads</b>	<b>\$52,002</b>
<b>Jandy's Clan</b>	<b>\$41,442</b>
<b>Shoreline Parrot Heads</b>	<b>\$25,027</b>
<b>Space Coast Parrot Head Club</b>	<b>\$13,777</b>



## WAY TO GO TEAM! RESTORE OUR SHORES

On 25 October our club volunteered with Restore Our Shores. Club members met at Rotary Park on Merritt Island where we worked with Restore Our Shores Brevard Zoo staff. We sorted through oysters that have lived in the Indian River Lagoon for one year- separating the dead ones from the live ones. The dead ones will be cleaned and used in a future oyster project, and the live ones will go back into the Indian River Lagoon.



## CHILDREN'S HUNGER PROJECT

**On November 5th we had an amazing group of volunteers that came together on short notice to pack food for the Children's Hunger Project. TCHP is providing double the amount of food packs to children impacted by the suspension of SNAP this month. Tonight we packed 2270 bags to help them meet their goals! We**

**wrapped up the evening with dinner, drinks and a SpaceX rocket launch! Great work everyone! Leaving Brevard a little better than we Phound it!**



# CALL for VOLUNTEERS

*Pick a day to volunteer with us!*

Prep Team filling swag bags:

**Jan. 7 @ 10am**

**at TCHP facility ( 26 Forrest Ave.)**



Pre Race / Packet Pick Up:

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 - 6:30 (2 hour  
volunteer shifts)**

**at Running Zone on Wickham Blvd.**

**SATURDAY**

January 10, 2026  
8:00 am Race Start



Race Day:

**Jan 10 from 6am - 9:30am  
at Viera High School**



**Check out our Space Coast Parrot Head**

**Facebook Page for more info!**

## BEACH CLEAN UP OPPORTUNITIES





DO  
YOU  
**RECOGNIZE ANY OF THIS CRAZY CREW??**  
THESE PHRIENDS WENT TO  
**TROP ROCKIN' DUVAL THIS YEAR!**  
WHERE IS  
**YOUR NEXT PARROT HEAD**  
**ADVENTURE??**

## **ANNOUNCING THE 2026 BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESIDENT - RON MEAD**

**VICE-PRESIDENT - MIKE ERNST**

**TREASURER - CATHY FURTADO**

**MEMBERSHIP - LAURA ENNIS**

**MEMBER AT LARGE - CURTIS MEADOR**

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR - THERESA BOYERS**

**SECRETARY - DEBBIE CASH**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE - HOLLY HUGHES**

**PAST PRESIDENT - ROY KELLNER**

## **QUICK BUSINESS NOTES:**

Holly Hughes is looking for 2026 Charity Champions for next year's Phlockings! Contact her at [holly.scphc@gmail.com](mailto:holly.scphc@gmail.com) if you have a charity in mind!

Barbi Miller at [Floridays97@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Floridays97@cfl.rr.com) is looking for volunteers for January 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm for a SCPHC private packing event to benefit The Children's Hunger Project!

Membership Numbers as of November - 273 including 6 keets

Between three charity events held in November (Children's Hunger Project, Cocoa Beach Clean-Up, Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon) we had 60 volunteers who provided 236 volunteer hours! Great job to all who participate!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**