



# TRADEWIND TIMES

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## 2015 STATE OF THE PHLOCK

Did you know Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. "officially" turns 21 years old this year?

Yes, Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. is "*growing older but not up*"

Though recorded in our PHIP Parrot Head history book that Scott Nickerson founded the Atlanta Parrot Head Club in 1989, it wasn't until 1994 that *Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc.* became a reality!

Yep! We're pretty much still youngsters as age goes.

So how could we have turned the calendar over to begin 2015?

It seems like yesterday that we were still exploring the internet hoping for some Buffett Concert news or shared Buffett stories. We stood in line or dialed in on our land lines hoping to get Buffett Tickets to *any* Buffett concerts. We sought out our kin-folk in parking lots, bars and in beach towns. We collected Buffett music. We wore our Buffett concert and our Margaritaville T-shirts hoping to get noticed by other Parrot Heads. We pillaged Concert banners, collected Parrot Head SWAG and even built

tiki bars inside and outside our homes!

And here we are ... year's later. We continue to share that same tropical dream of escape!! We *all* want to win that lottery and disappear to those little latitudes! But until then, you, the PHIP Parrot Heads continue to devote your time and energy to the organization. It's in your Parrot Head DNA and it's why we are *all* still here.

Before we begin reporting the facts and figures for 2014, we would like to take a moment to remember those parrot heads we lost from our ranks last year. As in past years, PHIP said farewell to yet more of our wonderful family members. They were husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and co-workers. They were good friends, long time club members, volunteers and people with heart. They were PHIP Parrot Heads! We will remember we are less in numbers without them, but greater with heart for having known them. Sail on ...

And now, what you've been waiting for ...

### ***The 2015 State of the Phlock!!***

At 2014's end our annual membership statistics were reported by 227 Parrot Head Clubs, in-

cluding 9 Canadian Parrot Head Chapters and the one and only Australian Parrot Head Club down under! Our membership remained solid & we closed out the year with a reporting of 26,500 members.

Our fundraising efforts were in the millions and our Chapters reported a whopping \$3,272,021 making our 13 year total \$39.9 Million Dollars!!!

At the National Level and annually, our PHIP Chapters supported familiar named charities such as:

- The American Cancer Society
- Susan G. Komen
- Ronald McDonald House
- ALS Bucket Challenge
- MS Bike Rides
- Walk for Alzheimer's (National PHIP Walk Team raised \$140,000, well over the \$100,000 goal)
- Wounded Warriors
- Disabled Vets Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Save the Manatee

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- Make A Wish

Within their local communities, PHIP Chapters supported many smaller local causes:

- Local food banks
- Local Children's Health and Education Causes
- Animal rescues and shelters
- Planting community gardens used for food sharing
- Food Donations/Volunteering at Homeless Shelters
- Senior Citizen Assistance
- Collections of Pop Tops
- Donations of Clothing (coats, mittens, gloves, shoes & hats)
- Christmas toy drives

To name but a few ...

More importantly, PHIP Parrot Heads unselfishly donated 223,000 Volunteer hours in 2014 bringing our 13 year total to 3,407,000 donated hours!! Those donated hours included:

- Adopt A Highway/Adopt A Spot
- Coastal clean ups
- Earth Day events
- Trees planted
- Meals on Wheels deliveries
- Food Deliveries to the less fortunate
- Reading to Seniors
- Hosting Water Stops at 5K Runs
- Cooking/Serving Meals at Shelters

But, it's not all about work!! Let us not forget PHIP, Inc. is a social organization!! You participate in parades! You host local Chapter and Regional events! You tailgate! You support the local economy at your restaurants & bars! You support each other in good times and you check on your Parrot Head

neighbors when disaster strikes and offer assistance when possible! You boast about being a PHIP Parrot Head to anyone who will listen in the hopes they will join our ranks, put on their grass skirts, coconut bras and get involved.

Yes, PHIP Parrot Heads, you continue to amaze and astonish those of us who know you as family! And many of you are "officially recognized within your own communities because they reap the fruits of your labors!

There's still so much fun ahead in 2015 as we continue "growing older but not up". Unleash that inner child more often and stay true to your Parrot Head DNA!

Our retired Director of Membership, Bob Heffelfinger once told me "Small voices, when combined, can deafen!"... And I believe him!!

Congratulations from your PHIP Board of Directors on another stellar year!!

## PARROT HEADS ON VACATION TAKE TIME TO HELP OUT LOCAL SCHOOL!

The "Midwest Region and Beyond" delegation had a PHUN week on Ambergris Caye, Belize in February 2015. We had Parrot Heads from Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Arizona, Texas and Maryland phlocking in sunny San Pedro. In the mix were 4 current club presidents and one past president.

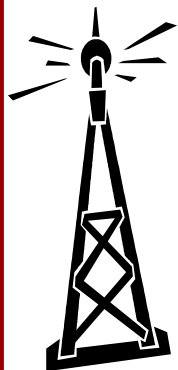
On February 17, representatives of the group went to the San Pedro Roman Catholic Elementary School and donated 32 backpacks, boxes of school supplies, learning materials and toys to principal Rosario Guerrero.

Several employees at our host hotel Banana Beach, have children attending this school and their appreciation and gratitude was immeasurable. The Roman Catholic school is the largest on the caye.

We had a phantastic time in San Pedro and giving back to their community left a warm spot in our hearts.

Jim Brogren  
Midwest Region co-RC  
President - Lakes Area Parrot  
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Here are the Top 20 Club by membership numbers per your Annual Renewal numbers.

CONGRATULATIONS to you all for growing/maintaining large memberships!

1. Villages PHC	1515
2. Charlotte Harbor PHC	600
3. Key West PHC	528
4. Tampa Bay PHC	524
5. San Diego PHC	491
6. Sarasota Bay PHC	478
7. Central Oklahoma PHA	435
8. Galveston Bay PHC	407
9. PHs of Central Florida	405
10. Emerald Isle PHC	367
11. San Antonio PHC	349
12. Western New York	348
13. Lone Star PHC	343
14. Panama City PHC	341
15. Metro PHC	340
16. Quad City PHC	333
17. Emerald Coast PHC	327
18. Space Coast PHC	297
19. Hanover Area PH Society	267
20. Cedar Creek Lake PHC	262

BEST WISHES in the coming year to ALL of our Parrot Head Clubs!!!  
Fins way up!

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# Meeting of the Minds Schedule Announced!

By Andrew Talbert, PHiP Director of Conventions

Ladies and Gentlemen! It's Your Meeting of the Minds 2015 Schedule!

Hello Everyone! Here is the entertainment announcement for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Minds 2015! Can you say FIVE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF TROP ROCK AND CORAL REEFERS?? <http://www.phip.com/meeting-schedule>

Where can you find 5 days of music, a gift bag, a t shirt, a free shuttle around the island, and all in a tropical destination for \$90.00? ONLY at MEETING OF THE MINDS IN KEY WEST!!

Wednesday morning, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, we start off with The Calypso Nuts cranking up the sounds in the gift bag stuffing area. Then James "Sunny Jim" White, a tradition at Meeting of the Minds, will be on the beach stage. Next is Steve Hopper with some fresh music all the way from the shores of Tennessee! The JPs and Friends will be playing an exclusive event for MOTM only--a set not to be missed! Aaron Schertz and Friends return to MOTM! No stranger on the trop rock circuit, he is bringing a show you won't see anywhere else in Key West during MOTM. Welcome back to MOTM Thom Shepherd and Coley McCabe, a terrific duo from Texas. Jerry Diaz and Friends are back, with a stage full of friends to play your favorites. Tropical Soul is a great way to close a Wednesday evening on the beach in Key West.

Duo Latitude, Tom and Michelle Becker, start off the Mini Mart Party and registration at 9 AM on Thursday morning!!! The stilt walkers and other cool attractions will be there with lots of shopping

in the Mini Mart. Coral Reefer Alumni Roger Bartlett will be on all the stages at MOTM, but first he is playing a gig with a full band and a few trop rock friends! Girlz Rule, Kristi, Lynley, and Heather, are back again this year with their fancy footwear and great sounds. The Southern Drawl Band is on the main stage at the Casa Marina starting early on Thursday! The Singer Songwriter Showcase with John Frinzi and Friends on Thursday afternoon is going to ROCK you with a two hour special set. The Coral Reefers as always, with many solo artists, and singer song writers will have one of the coolest sets of MOTM 2015. We're pleased that The 2015 Trop Rock Music Awards will be back on the main stage at the Casa Marina on Thursday night! Then we welcome back to the MOTM main stage Homemade Wine! We finish off Thursday evening with The Young Guns of Trop Rock. For this set you are going to see the next generation of Trop Rock music artists for a very special review that will only happen on this stage at MOTM! Melanie Howe is mak-

ing an exclusive MOTM appearance with Mike Nash and Thom Shepherd to bring on some of the best Trop Rock talent on your stage.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday morning, Brent Burns is on for the early shift at the Casa --Welcome back Brent! For the first time we welcome Don Middlebrook and Living Soul on the Street Festival stage on Duval Street. The Young Rebel Goombas are next on the street festival stage! Enjoy your time in downtime Key West with thousands of your PHriends! But hurry back to the Casa because the John Frinzi Band is back! John will be on the Casa Marina stage first with a full-on set of his music. Then 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beachside Album Hour show is on! Don't miss this year as another classic Jimmy Buffett album, A1A, is played from beginning to end with Roger Bartlett and the Coral Reefers! They will be there with "The Shrimper Dan Band" aka The John Frinzi Band. The Sauce Boss, Bill Wharton, is back with his band! Can you say GUMBO, we need YOU to help stir it!



Photo By Rob O'Neal

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After the big stage winds up make sure you find your way over to the beach stage with the Jerry Diaz Late Night Jam on the Beach.

Jim Hoehn starts off on Nov 7th, Saturday with his quick stories, focus on three chord music, and extensive knowledge of music in general. Jim will ease you into Saturday on the beach with over twelve hours of music from your favorite bands and Coral Reefers! Ramajay Intercoastal will be first on the main stage. Then Club Trini and the entire Coral Reefer Band is back to rock the stage. There may be some cool surprises you just can't see on the big tours! Howard Livingston and the Mile Marker 24 Band returns to the main stage at the Casa Marina!! Howard always rocks the crowd and loves to make something cool happen. Here is a MOTM exclusive - the Peter Mayer, Brandon Mayer and Scott Kirby trio with Coral Reefer backing from Eric Darken and Jim Mayer. Then SEVEN time CMA musician of the year Mac McAnally is back. No words are really needed. His time as a Coral Reefer Band member is only a part of the music he plays. To finish off the big stage Jimmy and the Parrots are back with some high energy music! The CORAL REEFER BAND will be supporting this set. Get ready to ROCK on Saturday night at MOTM !!



The classic Jim Morris is on the beach on Sunday to close MOTM 2015. For those who have never seen the Sunday brunch on the Casa Marina beach you need to come on out and grab a chair to take it all in.

The Casa Marina Resort is already sold out in several classes of rooms. If you register for MOTM and BOOK YOUR ROOM at the Casa Marina Resort prior to June 30, 2015 you will be put into a drawing for FOUR NIGHTS in a Casa Marina OCEAN FRONT 2 BEDROOM SUITE!! There is nothing better than winning a fabulous suite at the Casa. Don't forget we sold-out the Casa Marina in the spring! Here is the place to go online to book your room at the Casa Marina Resort: <http://waldorfastoria.hilton.com/en/wa/groups/personalized/E/EYWCMWA-ZZPAR7-20151101/index.jhtml> Booking on the phone, use the special code for our Parrot Head Rate: ZZPAR7 The Casa Marina phone numbers are: 888-303-5717 or 305-296-3535. The 2015 MOTM dates are on the PHiP web site for use in booking your rooms right now! <http://www.phip.com/meeting>

Are you going to MOTM for the first time, have questions, or want to share a room or a ride? Use our brand new online MOTM forum - check it out! This is a place for everyone to help each other, ask questions, and make the whole MOTM experience even better. <http://motmforum.phip.com/>

Until next time, I'll see you, down the road...

Andrew

**Andrew Talbert**  
**Parrot Heads in Paradise**  
**PHiP Director of Conventions**  
**Meeting of the Minds 2015**  
**"A Salty Piece of Land"**

## PHIP INTERIM REPORTS

Just a reminder that with summer comes Interim Reports, which are due beginning July 1st and must be received no later than July 31st.

As always, these should be submitted electronically to [phipmembership@gmail.com](mailto:phipmembership@gmail.com) and labeled as INTERIM REPORT in your subject line.

For new officers or new chapters, the Interim Report is simply a brief free-form synopsis of your Club's charitable, civic and environmental activities for the period 01/01/15 - 06/30/15. It should contain who, what, when & where and should provide a contact name, if appropriate. All Chapters must file an Interim Report ... If there is nothing to report, please so state.

Reporting of man-hours donated is not required on Interim Reports. However, please continue to track these figures throughout the year ... Your cumulative annual totals are due with your Annual Renewal.

As approved by the PHiP Board, effective 2008, there is a \$100 penalty for any Chapter filing an Interim Report after 07/31/15.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Charley Gingrow  
Director of Membership  
PHiP, Inc.





# IT'S SPRING BREAK AT PHIP!!!

It's Spring Break at PHIP... However, we're not taking time away from our work to play in the sand just yet! In fact we've begun a little house keeping by introducing a new website, we've rearranged the PHIP logo and we have a newly elected Director of Membership.

We would like to take this opportunity and THANK our retired PHIP Board member, Bob Heffelfinger, PHIP Director of Membership for 12 years of service! After many years at his desk, "Uncle" Bob Heffelfinger decided to retire at the end of 2014.

"Bob leaves PHIP a much better place that he found it. It would be hard to list all that Bob has accomplished in his years, all the programs Bob has established, all the programs and people Bob has touched, all the work behind the scenes he has done to make this organization what it has grown to become and especially all he has done to make it better for you the members. Many of us can't remember a PHIP without Bob and his leadership will be missed."...

Chris "Papa" Zuest, PHIP President

To fill the Board position, PHIP recently held a "Special Election". His long-time assistant (Ms) "Charley" Gingrow was recently elected to fill that position. We'd like to remind everyone the PHIP Membership Department remains open to all of our members, not just club officers. If you have a question concerning anything membership, please feel free to email us at [phipmembership@gmail.com](mailto:phipmembership@gmail.com).

You may have also discovered the new look to your organization's website. Still a work in progress, we wanted to make it appealing to all parrot heads and user friendly. There are still some things to build on our new window on the World Wide Web but as of this article, leader's, chapter information, Regional Communicators and so much more can all be found by clicking on the Chapters link on the home page. The MOTM pages are up and some will be updated as contracts are signed & MOTM

Chairs are assigned. As always, the MOTM Registration opened January 1st!!

We'd also added a new feature on the MOTM menu ... "The MOTM Forum"! It is there you can create a login, read about "Travel Help for Rides & Roommates", read about our Volunteer opportunities as well as catch up on your favorite MOTM Artists. It's going to be the newest "web hangout" for all things MOTM. You can find the MOTM Forum at: <http://motmforum.phip.com>.

The developers continue to work on enabling us to change photo features, update MOTM information and add new links and pages as we progress to a fully functional informative site. Please bear with us as we remain under construction for a little longer.

This is your organization and your website. We hope you are pleased with our Spring efforts to make things look new again. Drop by and let us know what you think!!



## 2015 Alzheimer's PHiP National Team... Kick Up those Flip Flops!

If your club is considering or has made the decision to become an important participant in our PHiP National Alzheimer's Team for 2015 then you should know we have added a new Communications person for Alzheimer's.

Hillbilly PHC member Margaret Sells has stepped forward to be the new PHiP Alzheimer's National Team Communicator. You will be receiving Alzheimer's PHiP Team communications from her soon. Should you need to communicate with her beforehand, her contact email is:  
margaret\_easttn@yahoo.com

We have begun working on the 2015 Alz Team spreadsheet where we record your team's efforts and make sure you get the credit you deserve. Margaret will soon be requesting the following information from the 2015 participating clubs:

- Team Name
- Are you participating in the Walk or donating Money to the Walk efforts. (This would include monies raised from any event "other than" the Walk).
- Your Club's Walk Location (City & State) if you are creating a "Walk Team".
- IF you plan to participate with Alzheimer's in 2015, please let me know the name of your team captain if it is different from your club's name. Please put ALZHEIMERS INFO in the subject line and email the info to me at:

Some of our clubs choose to do outside fundraising to contribute so this is very important to remember if you choose to donate but NOT sign up for the walk: **WHEN DONATING ANY MONIES TO ALZHEIMER'S YOU MUST DESIGNATE THE MONEY TO GO TO THE WALK!**

You can find the original link to the instructions page to start or restart your club's team at the bottom of our Why We Walk page.

To find that link, please follow these simple instructions:

- Go to [alz.org](http://alz.org) and click on *Walk To End Alzheimer's*
  - Click *Teams*
  - Click *National Teams*
  - PHiP is listed under the Gold/Silver Level Team Logos
- Click the PHiP Logo and in the Why We Walk Section at the bottom, find the link for detailed registration instruc-

tions with Screen Shots

If you are NOT spearheading your club's Alzheimer's Team for 2015, please pass this information along to who is within your club!!

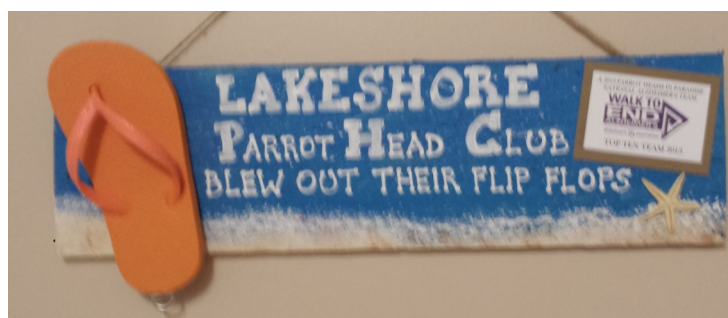
Thank you for considering and/or being a part of our "Alzheimer's Walk" National Team!! As of this writing we already have 15 Parrot Head Clubs signed up and it's early!! A HUGE THANKS to our returning clubs!!!!

DON'T FORGET OUR 2015 PHiP ALZ. NATIONAL TEAM CHALLENGE ... To **double** the amount of participating 2014 Club Teams and we had 50 Teams last year!

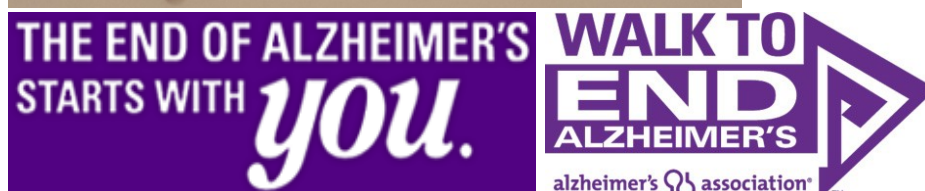
We'd LOVE to reach our goal of 100 Teams in 2015. We know what you Parrot Heads can do when challenged!!

LETS'DO THIS!!!

Charley Gingrow  
PHiP Director of Membership



One of the top ten 2013 PHiP team club "Flip Flop" awards given out at MOTM 2014.!



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# PARROT HEADS IN PARADISE FINANCIALS

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Financials Contributed By:  
**Charlene Schultheis,**  
**PHiP Dir of Finance**

Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement - General Fund - YTD as of March 31, 2015

**Income:**

Balance 12.31.14	\$5,929
Membership/Handbooks-CD	\$29,763
 Total Income	 \$35,691

**Expense:**



Background check	\$96
Bank Charges	\$13
Board Meeting/Meetings	\$4,441
BubbleUp LLC	\$6,000
Charity	
Nellie Carlen - Alzheimer's	\$1,000
Office Supplies	\$117
Return Items	\$75
Scholarship	\$59
Web Site	\$238
 Total Expenses	 \$12,038

Ending Balance: \$23,653



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**Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement-Scholarship YTD as of March 31, 2015****Income:**

Balance 12.31.14	15,123
Credit Card Partner	251
Interest	2
Total Income	15,376

**Expense:**

Total Expense	0
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Ending Balance:	<u>15,376</u>
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**Parrot Heads in Paradise Financial Statement Relationship Savings YTD as of March 31, 2015****Income:**

Balance 12.31.14	\$26,029
Interest	9
Total Income	\$26,038

**Expense:**

Total Expenses	\$0
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Ending Balance:	<u>\$26,038</u>
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**Parrot Heads in Paradise Financial Statement Relationship Savings (MOTM) YTD as of March 31, 2015****Income:**

Balance 12.31.14	\$28,200
Interest	\$10
Total Income	\$28,210

**Expenses:**

Total Expenses	\$0
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Ending Balance:	<u>\$28,210</u>
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**Parrot Heads  
In Paradise, Inc.  
Financial Statement  
MOTM  
YTD as of March 31,  
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**Income:**

Balance 12.31.13	\$3,912
Registration	\$33,744
Discover Rebate	\$5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$37,661</b>

**Expenses:**

Authorize.net (transaction fees)	\$53
Bank Charges	\$1,503
City of Key West	\$776
Entertainment	\$585
<b>MOTM</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Mini iPad	\$212
Office Supplies	\$73
Postage/Printing	\$2
Rey Flores - misc. art work	\$600
Tax software (1099)	\$66
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,870</b>

**Ending Balance:** **\$32,790**

## Arizona PHC Wins Big for Charity!

I'm still in shock! The Arizona Parrot Head Club returned to the My Nana's Salsa Challenge Event after a couple years hiatus. The return can only be described as triumphant!

The event benefits the Arizona Hemophilia Association. Monies raised go towards sending kids with blood disorders to a "safe" camp in Northern Arizona.

We won Best Booth and People's Choice (most money in the tip jar - \$1,700). We also broke the pre-

vious high bid of \$2,500 (which we held) for our entry in the Margarita Mix Off. \$10,000 is the new record!!!!!! Yes, we got a cool \$10K for a Margarita and accompanying gift package. It really helps when there's an NFL player in the crowd. Our gang went back on Sunday and got the high bid of the day of \$3,500 for another Margarita!

I could not be more proud of our event Chairs, Jan and Julie Lockwood, and our Mix Off

Masters, Barb and John Young.

Kathy Pfister  
Arizona PHC President  
PHiP Western Region Co-Regional Communicator



## Domino College Dean's List



Acadiana PHC  
Annapolis PHC  
Arizona PHC  
Barefoot Children of FLL  
Berks County PHC  
Blossomland PHC  
Blue Hen PHC  
Canyon Lake PHC  
Cedar Creek Lake PHC  
Central Illinois PHC  
Central Oklahoma PHA  
Central Texas PHC  
Charlotte Harbor PHC  
Chicago PHC  
Clinton County PHC  
Club Finz  
Coastal Jersey PHC  
Delaware Seashore PHC  
Detroit PHC  
Dubuque Phlockers  
Emerald Isle PHC  
Galveston Bay PHC  
Heartland LakeSharks  
High Desert PHC  
Hillbilly PHC  
Houston PHC

Isle O' Bama PHC  
Isle of Iowa PHC  
Jersey Shore PHC  
Lake Havasu PHC  
Lakes Area Parrot Heads  
Last Mango PHC  
Lone Star PHC  
Los Angeles PHC  
Low Country PHC  
Lower Alabama PHs  
Metro PHC  
Miami PHC  
Midwest Indiana PHC  
Milwaukee Area PHA  
Music City Phins  
Nautical Whalers  
North Coast PHC  
Northern Illinois PHC  
OBX Pirates PHC  
Parrot Heads in Natural Settings (PHINS)  
Parrot Heads of the Prairie  
PHC of Eastern Massachusetts  
Phlock of South Jersey  
PHs in Michiana  
PHs of Central Florida

PHs of New Mexico  
PHs of Puget Sound  
PHs of the Lower Ohio Valley  
PHs of the Pininsula  
Phun Coast PHC  
Pirates of the Susquehanna  
Quad City PHC  
San Antonio PHC  
San Diego PHC  
Savannah PHC  
Seguin PHC  
Southeast Iowa PHC  
Southern Illinois PHC  
St. MinneSomePlace PHC  
Tampa Bay PHC  
The Villages PHs  
Towns Around Biloxi PHC  
Treasure Coast PHC  
Tulsa PHC  
Vermont PHC  
Wagoner PHC  
Wasatch Mountain PHC  
West Georgia PHC  
Western New York PHC  
Youngstown PHC

Congratulations to all! Keep up the great work. Be sure to post your community service/fund raising events to the PHiP club leaders lists! Or, clubs can send an email directly to [ssspenny@att.net](mailto:ssspenny@att.net) with "Domino College" in the subject line.



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# JIMMY BUFFETT CONCERT APRIL 1, 2015 AT KEY WEST!

“Check One Off” the Bucket List by Steve and Gayla Mitchell, Van Horn, TX

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We don't know where to start to tell about our phantastic trip to Key West and a rare chance to get to meet Jimmy Buffett face-to-face, on (*of all days*) April Fools Day, 2015.

The ‘link’ to our amazing good fortune comes via our listening to Radio Margaritaville so frequently over the years, and more recently, to our interest in watching Margaritaville TV, which is a really cool new ‘media’ that JB and his top-notch staff now offer his Parrot Head audience. Apparently, so we're told, the Margaritaville TV staff is able to see ‘where’ their telecast (or webcast?) is being watched all over the country. Many of our San Antonio PHC friends are aware that we live out on the far western side of San Antonio (in a suburb called “Van Horn”—about a 6 1/2 hour drive due west on Interstate 10). Apparently, one night the Margaritaville TV staff (& Jimmy) looked on their ‘map’ of viewers and we showed up as the only ‘dot’ on the map surrounded by a vast area of ‘darkness’, and Jimmy Buffett

somehow saw this—or heard about it from his staffers—and he thought he'd like to know more about the people behind the lonesome ‘dot’ located in, or near, the middle of nowhere.

Not long afterward, we were located by some of Jimmy's group around the middle of last summer (2014), and they inquired as to our Parrot Head history, etc. (that was, and is, a *long story*). Anyway, they indicated that Jimmy might want to call and talk to us. We thought that was very cool, but due to Buffett's super-busy 24/7 schedule that phone call never materialized. We had nearly forgotten about it when we received another communication from the Margaritaville crew asking if we'd like to attend the concert at the San Carlos Theater in Key West (on April 1st). We were overjoyed—except about the date—hoping that nobody was plotting a big (& heartless) ‘April Fools’ joke on us. ;-)

So, we booked our trip, and off we went on March 31st. The next

day, through some hit and miss communications, we were told to be at the San Carlos Theater around 3:00 pm. That morning we dropped by the Smokin Tuna and listened to John Frinzi for a while, then we dropped by to have a margarita at...*o.k. guess...*

Margaritaville Cafe!—and then we went to the beautiful and historic San Carlos Theater (a/k/a Institute) for a look. Big wooden doors in front were locked, so we went around back and saw a beehive of activity as a great number of workers and technicians were hauling gear into the theater, working on laptops outside, and so to speak—setting up Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers' *circus*.

Later, we met in front of the theater and Buffett's organizers came out and identified us and two other couples, who had ‘won’ the grand prizes on Margaritaville TV and on Sirius/XM radio. We were taken in to the theater where we were allowed to sit up front and watch the sound-check, which was really cool. There's lots of joking and bantering around between Jimmy Buffett and the band, with Mac MacAnally venturing guesses as to how long the concert might last. (His estimate started at 2 1/2 hours, then after Buffett made some comments about things he might mention, went up to 3 hours, then after even more ideas were bounced around, Mac joked that it was starting to look like a 4-hour concert).

As the sound check wrapped up (+45 minutes), we were told that we would meet and greet Jimmy Buffett, and have a chance to talk with him. Wow! This is where “Bucket List” comes true! Jimmy bounded down from the stage—he is so dynamic and FULL of ener-

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gy—we were able to chit chat with him and take photos. We had a terrific conversation with Jimmy that lasted about 5 minutes or so. He is genuinely interested in his fans and he sort of lit up when we told him that we were the people behind the ‘lone dot’ in the darkness that he’d been intrigued about. He told us about how excited he was that the San Carlos concert (a pet project of his) was to be broadcast to the Malecon (the famous seawall—public area) of Havana, Cuba, where U. S. Embassy staff, and others, would gather and hear the show live.

There is so much more to tell, but we’re getting writer’s cramp. (and, y’all may be dozing-off by now anyway). We just want to say that we really appreciate Jimmy Buffett and his terrific executives and staff for treating us so well. We are very glad that our being a little, isolated, ‘dot’ served to get us a chance to go and see Jimmy and the band in a fantastic (close-up and intimate) concert venue—the San Carlos, in Key West. That’s our story and we’re sticking to it!!

Steve and Gayla Mitchell



Picture from the sound check!

## INFORMATION ON CONTESTS COMING UP from PHIP, Inc. Director of Membership, Charley Gingrow

### NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The annual PHiP Newsletter Contest will officially open in June and I encourage each & every one of you to submit your best for consideration.

#### RULES

- All clubs are eligible to participate ...
- Submissions must be received in this office no later than August 15, 2015. Entries received after 8/15 will be returned unopened ...
- Judging will be done by a panel of five (5) volunteer judges selected at random, whose decision will be final.

Both hard copy and on-line newsletters are eligible for consideration. However, on-line newsletters must be printed out and submitted in hard copy form.

#### PRIZES:

1st Place ----- \$ 300 donation to your local charity of choice,  
2nd Place ----- \$ 200 donation to your local charity of choice,  
3rd Place ----- \$ 100 donation to your local charity of choice.

#### TO ENTER:

Please send seven (7) originals of the SAME issue of your most recent newsletter to:

**PHiP Membership  
Newsletter Contest  
P.O. Box # 1011  
Johnson City, TN 37605**

Winning entries will be announced at the Club Leaders Brunch during Meeting of the Minds.

REMEMBER: Your newsletter may not be the best ... but it may be the best the judges see!

Watch for emails coming your way!

### GOLDEN COCONUT AWARD

Entries for the 2015 Golden Coconut Award of Excellence, presented by Margaritaville, Inc., will be accepted beginning in June 2015, with every chapter, regardless of size or age, having an equal opportunity to win this most coveted designation.

#### RULES

- All clubs, with the exception of previous Golden Coconut recipients, are eligible to enter the contest ...
- Entries must be received by PHIP Dir of Membership no later than August 15, 2015 ...
- Entries received after 8/15 will be returned unopened ...
- Electronic submissions, in MSWORD format, are acceptable and encouraged ...
- Entry is to be by blind essay - No recognizable references to club name, city, state, local charities, etc. may be included. Entries with any discernable reference will be returned to the author for editing, if time allows.
- There is no minimum nor maximum length for the submission
- Judging will be conducted by a panel composed of previous Golden Coconut Award winners, whose decision will be final.

The 2015 Golden Coconut Award winner will be announced at the General Membership Meeting during Meeting Of The Minds.

Last year's winning essay, as well as previous winning essays are posted at: **www.phip.com** under "Golden Coconut Award" in the pull-down menu and may be used as a guideline.

Please direct your entries, and any questions to:  
phipmembership@gmail.com

# Congratulations To All Of Our Parrot Head Clubs Celebrating Birthdays This Quarter!

April Birthdays	Date
Coosa Landsharks	04/12/11
Strange Birds of Little Rock	04/18/04
Miami PHC	04/16/03
Phun Coast PHC	04/26/03
PHs of Central Florida	04/19/92
Sarasota Bay PHC	04/15/96
Atlanta PHC	04/01/89
West Georgia PHC	04/23/13
Central Illinois PHC	04/23/94
Finz Up, Lake Monroe!	04/28/12
Derby PHs	04/06/95
Pontchartrain PHC	04/21/11
PHC of Eastern Massachusetts	04/08/94
Nautical Whalers	04/03/00
Potomac Highlands PHs	04/23/98
St. Louis PHC	04/01/90
Towns Around Biloxi PHC	04/07/99
Pleasure Island PHs	04/29/98
Toes in the Water PHC	04/25/11
Western North Carolina PHC	04/12/98
Jersey Shore PHC	04/03/00
Western New York PHC	04/01/97
Youngstown PHC	04/19/07
Tulsa PHC	04/28/93
Hanover Area PHS	04/10/99
Ocean State PHC	04/11/94
Houston PHC	04/01/94
Lone Star PHC	04/14/95
Party Pirates PHC	04/29/13
Southern Wisconsin PHC	04/17/93
London PHC	04/01/98

May Birthdays	Date
San Diego PHC	05/11/95
PHC of Connecticut	05/16/92
Lake Lanier PHC	05/01/94
Isle of Iowa PHC	05/09/97
Southern Idaho PHC	05/08/09
Pirates of the Red	05/15/12
Ocean City PHC	05/03/98
Tri-City PHC	05/27/07
Mid-Michigan PHC	05/28/03
Traverse City PHC	05/20/05
PHs on the Pamlico	05/03/05
Central Oklahoma PHA	05/17/93
Last Mango in Paris	05/16/04
Cedar Creek Lake PHC	05/19/00
PHs of the Old Dominion	05/12/95
Vermont PHC	05/23/95
Central Wisconsin PHC	05/25/99
Pirates of the Northwoods	05/20/09
Saskatoon PHC	05/16/10

June Birthdays	Date
New Smyrna Beach PHC	06/30/10
Key West PHC	06/29/98
Space Coast PHC	06/22/05
Tallahassee PHC	06/17/96
Northwest Georgia PHC	06/22/08
Northern Illinois PHC	06/14/99
Northwest Indiana PHC	06/09/00
PHC of the Northern Tropics	06/09/08
Blossomland PHC	06/24/14
PHs of the Triad	06/07/99
Coastal Jersey PHC	06/12/03
Pirates of the Susquehanna	06/02/05
Black Diamond PHC	06/10/03
Presque Isle PHC	06/08/04
Low Country PHC	06/04/96
Pickwick PHC	06/08/04
Southside Virginia Landsharks	06/10/02
PHs of Puget Sound	06/11/95
Australian PHC	06/21/01





# PHiP REGIONAL EVENTS

WHO: Palmetto PHC  
 WHAT: Fin-Fest 16 Shark Poker Crawl  
 WHEN: May 2, 2015  
 WHERE: Columbia, SC  
 BENEFITS: Young House Family Services  
 MORE INFO: [fin-fest.com](http://fin-fest.com)



WHO: Delaware Seashore PHC  
 WHAT: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Drink Bacchanal  
 WHERE: Dewey Beach, DE  
 WHEN: May 16, 2015  
 WHY: Delaware SPCA  
 MORE INFO: [www.deseashorephc.com/boatdrinks](http://www.deseashorephc.com/boatdrinks)

WHO: Barefoot Children of Ft Lauderdale  
 WHAT: Water Taxi Pub Crawl  
 WHEN: May 15-17, 2015  
 WHERE: Riverside Hotel, Ft Lauderdale, FL  
 BENEFITS: American Lung Association  
 MORE INFO: [www.barefootchildrenphc.com](http://www.barefootchildrenphc.com)

WHO: Pelican Coast PHC  
 WHAT: Pelican Coast Daze - "Volcano"  
 WHEN: June 6, 2015  
 WHERE: Lake Charles, LA  
 BENEFITS: Multiple charities  
 MORE INFO: [www.pcphe.org/DAZE](http://www.pcphe.org/DAZE)



WHO: Quad City PHC  
 WHAT: Quad City Charity Golf Outing  
 WHEN: June 6, 2015  
 WHERE: Rock Island, IL  
 BENEFITS: Rick's House of Hope  
 MORE INFO: <http://www.qcph.com>



WHO: Parrot Heads in Natural Setting  
 WHAT: 18th Annual PHiNs Golf Tournament  
 WHERE: Eagle Landing Golf Club  
 WHEN: June 20th, 2015  
 BENEFITS: Community PedsCare  
 MORE INFO: <http://www.phinsjax.org/>

WHO: Parrot Heads of Puget Sound  
 WHAT: Laid Back Attack  
 WHERE: Olympia, Washington  
 WHEN: July 9-12, 2015  
 WHY: USO Northwest  
 MORE INFO: <http://laidbackattack.com/>

WHO: North West Arkansas PHC  
 WHAT: Beach House on the Hill  
 WHEN: July 18, 2015  
 WHERE: Fayetteville, AR  
 BENEFITS: TBD  
 MORE INFO: [creeksidepirate@cox.net](mailto:creeksidepirate@cox.net)



WHO: Southeast Iowa PHC  
 WHAT: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodphlock 2015  
 WHEN: July 18, 2015  
 WHERE: Burlington, Iowa  
 BENEFITS: Young House Family Services  
 INFO: [www.southeastiowaparrotheadclub.com/](http://www.southeastiowaparrotheadclub.com/)



WHO: Galveston Bay Parrot Head Club  
 WHAT: 16th Riddles in the Sand  
 WHEN: July 23 - 25, 2015  
 WHERE: Victorian Condos, Galveston, TX  
 BENEFITS: Multiple Charities  
 MORE INFO: <http://gbphc-riddlesinthesand.com>

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