



## Parrot Poop Newsletter - APRIL 2017

### MARCH MADNESS

Our March First Friday PHlocking, as always, was entertaining with Mustache Madness. Yes, everyone seemed to have some creative stashes happening and if not, there were extra stick on ones available so everyone got into the spirit. We raised \$200 with our 50/50 raffle to benefit Men's Health through an organization Movember Foundation. They are the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, year round. They have been addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention.



Our St. Patty's Festival booth raised \$1600 for the beach wheel chair!!! The whole day event was a huge success. A big flap of the wings to Rick Walling (big bird) and Ken Stone (little bird) for another successful event. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped man the booth and wear the Parrot suit. What a great time!

### WHAT ARE WE DOING NEXT?

**Friday, April 7th – 7 PM - FIRST FRIDAY PHLOCKING** – BONNETS AND BOWTIES - Our April Phlocking will be held at the Emerald Club. Spring is upon us and it's time to put on your best Bonnet or Bowtie and join us for some Springtime Shenanigans. There will be some fun seasonal games and our 50/50 drawing will provide a donation to the Crystal Coast Autism Center in honor of Autism Awareness Month. As always, the E Club will provide us with some yummy food and great drink specials. Non-members are welcome and of course we'll encourage you to join! You may have heard that EIPHC is currently 8th in WORLD (450 members at the end of 2016) for number of memberships and we'd really like to continue to move up!! So come on out and see what we're all about.....we guarantee that you'll wonder why it

took you so long to join us!! Members be sure to check at the membership table for upcoming volunteer opportunities. We're looking forward to a FANTASTIC turnout and seeing everyone there!



**APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – EARTH DAY LITTER PICK-UP** – Now you have a choice, land or sea litter pickup. If you don't want to commit to a morning of work and afternoon of play for the boat sound-side litter pickup, you can still help by joining us for picking up litter from Highway 24 and 58 intersection to the bridge (and a little bit on the other side of the bridge). We will have sign up sheets for both events at the PHlocking. For the Soundside Pick Up you can contact Val Johnson at 919-906-6107 or email her at [gocoastalgirl@gmail.com](mailto:gocoastalgirl@gmail.com) We need boats and captains and worker bees. Final times and locations to meet will be announced soon. If you want to help with the highway pickup contact Jean Jensen at 607-759-7159 or email him at [belguimboy@aol.com](mailto:belguimboy@aol.com). For the highway pick-up we meet at the Emerald Club at 11 am, work for a bit over 1 hour and go out to lunch after the pick-up (dutch treat). Val is working on a Party at Pelican Island after the pickup, details will be coming soon. We are hoping that we can figure out how to include the highway pickup crew as well.

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> (Wednesday) 6-9 PM** – New Member Social. We will be sponsoring a new member social at the Island Time Tavern (across from Rucker Johns in Emerald Plantations.) We are specifically inviting all new members who have joined since October, 2016, but all members are invited. You will be responsible for your drinks, but the club will provide pizza. In order to make sure we order adequate pizza, you will need to sign up/RSVP at the April Meeting or contact Sue ([stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com)) or Maggie ([Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.rauschenberg@gmail.com)) Email invitations will be sent out to all new members who have joined in the past 6 months. Come help us welcome new members and get a chance to know them.

**Beach Bicycle Poker Run – Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Reistration at 11:30, the ride begins at 2PM. If you are entering the Bike Decorating contest, you need to register by 1:15.

The EIPHC Beach Bike Poker Run “Big Birds” have been hard at work planning this years FANTASTIC EVENT. The Poker Run is the Parrot Heads’ biggest fundraiser of the year and a great opportunity to experience how we “Party with a Purpose” here on Emerald Isle. This year’s Poker Run will be held on Saturday, May 20th. This is an ADULT ONLY event! Proceeds from the event will go to the Semper Fi Odyssey Children’s Adventure Camp which sends children of injured Marines and Sailors to camp for a week and then provides them with mentoring support throughout their school year. Last year’s event raised \$7200 and brought in 230 riders.

The entry fee is \$20 and there will be cash prizes for the best poker hand. Prizes will also be awarded for best decorated bikes and costumes in each of the theme categories. This year’s themes are: **PHeathered PHriends, PHriends of the Sea, and PHoo-PHoo Drinks.** Our newly designed Beach Bicycle Poker Run T-Shirts will also be unveiled and available for purchase. STAY TUNED for additional information concerning sponsors, prizes and event day detail. THIS IS AN EVENT THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS. Save the date



and get your creative juices flowing. Registration (\$20) begins in the Emerald Club parking lot at 11:30 (the main E. Club will also be open)

We need lots of help for this event and we will have sign up sheets at the April and May PHlockings, or email Sue Stone at [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com) to volunteer. We need help with registration, bike judging, raffle tickets, prize solicitation, and card sharks. With the exception of the Card Sharks, anyone who volunteers to help can still register and participate in the event. We will need at least 21 card sharks for this year's event. Card sharks (we try to have 3 at each stop) are stationed at one of the Poker Stops and hand out cards, mark score sheets and sell raffle tickets. They get to see everyone in their finest decorations! So if you are not sure you can walk, ride or stroll to each of the poker stops, this is the job to have.



**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 12 Noon - Hands Across The Sand**— Co-sponsored event with the **Bogue Banks Surf Riders Foundation**. Register for the BBPR and then walk to the pier to join hands for 15 minutes. Hands Across the Sand / Land, founded in 2010, grew into an international movement after the BP oil disaster in April of that year. People came together to join hands, forming symbolic barriers against spilled oil and to stand against the impacts of other forms of extreme energy. At the same time (May 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon) thousands of Americans and global citizens at beaches and cities will gather to draw metaphorical, and actual lines in the sand; human lines in the sand against fossil fuels that threaten our future. Last years turnout was a huge success and our dressed up Parrot Heads made the event spectacular. No need to register, just show up at noon for 15 minutes. Make Jimmy Buffett proud!



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am Bike The Banks** - Three rides to choose from! Ride 1: Emerald Isle Ride (10 miles along Multi Use Path) \$25 entry fee; Ride 2: Fort Macon Ride (50 miles) \$45 entry fee; Ride 3: Cape Lookout (100 miles) \$45 entry fee. T-shirts guaranteed to the first 120 who register by April 20th. Register at Active.com. Questions? Contact [mrt@ec.rr.com](mailto:mrt@ec.rr.com). Funds raised go toward the expansion of the Multi-use path. **They need some volunteers for water stations and turnarounds. Please call Ken Stone (252-354-4434) or email to [stonesend@gmail.com](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you can help out during this event.**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> (sunrise to sunset) – The Longest Day Fundraiser for Alzheimers - The 4th Annual Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Crawl (EISTC)** on the beach in EI! We are excited the Emerald Isle Parrot Heads are teaming up with us again this year.

The Alzheimer's Association Longest Day event is a sunrise to sunset event to raise funds and awareness about Alzheimer's disease. Our chosen event is to walk the beach from sunrise to sunset in a relay fashion and celebrate with a sunset ceremony at the Point (around 8:00pm). It is great fun and a fabulous way to raise money. Finding a way to end Alzheimer's is a passion that is very close to our hearts and many of us know someone who has been affected by this disease...or will in the future...Now is the time to #endalz We would love for y'all to join us. Here are several ways you can participate:

1. Are you a Parrothead? Of course you are! The EIPHC will support you by a \$10 donation when you walk during our sunrise to sunset relay. On **Saturday, June 17** you will be scheduled to walk a 2 mile leg of the relay depending on the time of day you want to walk and where you live. As we have done in past years we will have volunteers who can shuttle you from the end of your walk back to your car (EI police allows street parking with our special passes for the day). We find that walking with a larger group brings greater attention to the event. Please invite your family and friends to walk with you. Let us know you will be joining us and we will be in touch with you closer to the walk to let you know the schedule.
2. Fundraise/Donate: Go to <https://act.alz.org/goto/EISTC2017> (you may have to copy and paste into your browser if you cannot click on the link). Click on Join our Parrot Head Team and search for Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club (Val Johnson can assist you). There you can donate to the EIPHC team directly. If you want to create your own page for family and friends to donate, when you go to <https://act.alz.org/goto/EISTC2017> click on Register. Registration is free. When you register you have the option of purchasing a t-shirt for \$5 or \$10. When you register you can personalize your own page on the website with your story about living or caring with someone with Alzheimer's. You can invite friends and family to donate to your page, walk with you or attend one of our fundraisers. And of course we will take cash or check direct donations to the team!  
BONUS: Any donation of \$50 or more will enter the person in the raffle for a stay at Batten the Breeze (courtesy of Emerald Isle Realty)!

3. Attend a Fundraiser: Frosted in Swansboro is holding a Cake Decorating Fundraiser for us on **April 25** or **May 18** from 7:30-9pm. The cost is \$53.50 (tax included) and \$15 of each fee will be donated to our team! We are also holding a weekday event on **Saturday, May 27** from 5:30-7pm.

We can also schedule a painting class with Peggy Poe if anyone would like to paint a swimming Sea Turtle.

We can schedule small groups if you have friends or family who want to do the event together.

Let me know if you are interested in attending so we can register for the event. These events are open to everyone (not just EI Sea Turtle Patrol).

4. Sponsorship: We are also working on sponsorship signs that will be placed around the town the week before the event and on the day of the event. Show your support and advertise your business as well as your commitment to end Alzheimer's! Sponsorship of a sign is \$50 and we will advertise your business, honor your loved one living with or lost to this disease, or Thank you for your support.

Contact Susan Smith (Parrot Head) at [301-802-2121](tel:301-802-2121) or [susan.seadreams@gmail.com](mailto:susan.seadreams@gmail.com)

**A Second Helping Memorial Day to Labor Day Every Saturday from 8-11**, "A Second Helping" is Emerald Isle's answer to decreasing wasted food by providing the Saturday to Saturday renters a food drop off program from 8 AM to 11 AM at the corner of Hwy 58 near Berts' Surf Shop. Starting it's 3rd year on Memorial Day

Saturday, it provides roadside volunteers and coolers, and collects leftover canned and paper goods, as well as perishables, and even open containers. All food goes to The Hem but eventually it is hoped that some may be distributed to The Hope Mission and Caroline's House in Morehead City. It is coordinated by 3 Parrot Heads: Linda McGowan ([910-467-2658](tel:910-467-2658)), Christine Winslow ([703-625-4545](tel:703-625-4545)) and Val Johnson ([919-906-4228](tel:919-906-4228)). If any of you would like to help on a Saturday AM contact them for more info. And share the info with your neighbors if they rent out their houses. It will run until Labor Day Saturday. Donations for ice and more coolers would also be appreciated! The tourists have been very appreciative of not having to waste their leftovers, and unfortunately there are many hungry people in our area.

## Welcome New Parrot Heads

Please make sure you take the time to look for and meet our newest members. We have a “special designation” (a colorful flowered lei) for new Parrot Heads to wear at their first PHlocking so it will be easier to spot them for introductions and welcomes. Come to the membership table to get your welcome “lei”. Of course, the best way for new members to become part of the Club is to volunteer for activities. **So far we have 350 paid active members for 2017.**

### New Members from Emerald Isle

Perry Alexander  
John and Robin Huffstelter  
Janene and Taylor Johnson  
John and Jacqueline Matzemaekers  
David Mitchell  
Jerry and Kris Plum  
Brent Standridge  
Frank and Dotty Tata  
Larry and Sue Toth

### New Members from Cape Carteret

Patricia Stout

### New Members from Cedar Point

Beth Guesno  
Courtney Skinner

### New Members from Stella

Michele and Tim Dixon

### New Members from Newport

Susan Clarke  
Richard Delhart

### New Members from LaGrange

Tee Baker  
Michelle Cantu

### New Member from Indian Beach

Diane Howard  
Kevin and Sally Kimmel

### New Members from Cary

Ellen and Andy Allen

### New Members from Asheboro

Raymond Groseclose

### New Members from Suffolk VA

Pat Host

**New Members from W Trenton NJ**

Ron and Pat Robinson

**New Member from Greenville NC**

Penny Pollard

## Parrot Heads April Birthdays

**If you have an April Birthday, please stop by the membership table and pick up your free birthday coupon. It can only be redeemed at the April "Phlocking"**

Janice Wolfe-Easley	April 4	Loekie Smith	April 24
Moh Traini	April 6	Valerie Johnson	April 24
Linda Casale	April 11	Matt Morel	April 24
Jim Carroll	April 13	Craig Burnell	April 25
Bill Winslow	April 13	James Hicks	April 25
Debra Dudley	April 15	Gary Schroeder	April 27
Heidi Barlow	April 19	Phil Jones	April 27
Jeff Jones	April 19	Ellen Allen	April 27
Chris Parisher	April 20	Mark Schmidt	April 28
Ty Cannon	April 22	Burl Edwards	April 29
Patty Altland	April 22	James Jeanes	April 29
Diane Howard	April 22	Susan Dunn	April 29
Mystie Turnage	April 22	Bob Messig	April 29
		Kathleen Callahan	April 29

## Officers/Board

Officers/Board

**President:** Jason Holland

**Co-Vice Presidents:** Carol Lauback  
Heidi Barlow

**Co-Secretaries:** Sue Stone  
Maggie Rauschenberg

**Co-Treasurers:** Rita Babich

Carl Rauschenberg

**Members at Large:** Renee Synan  
Jessi Holland  
Marcia McMahan

James Hicks  
Rick Walling  
Jimi Crampton  
Pat Henry  
Jami Thomas  
Marsha Horner

**Founders:** Bonnie Forkey  
Pat Haut  
Mike Haut