



Parrot Poop Newsletter – JUNE 2018

FROM THE PERCH: Jan Hicks Shares her Thoughts:

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“It’s important to have as much fun as possible while we’re here. It balances out the times when the minefield of life explodes.” These words from Jimmy Buffet ring so true for all of us, young and old! You can forget that the world has gone nuts when you’re having fun, great fun!

This past weekend proves that Jimmy is right! Our Beach Bike Poker Run Event was a huge success and everyone who participated, young and old, had fun, great fun! The pictures posted on Facebook reveal happy faces with beautiful smiles and people sharing a wonderful time celebrating life! Life is good when together we raised enough to write a check for \$15,000 to the Semper Fi Odyssey Children’s Camp! Thanks to the 243 riders, the volumes of volunteers and our stupendous sponsors for this awesome opportunity to experience loads of fun and to “Party with a Purpose!” Raise your glasses!!!

LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!

May 4th PHlocking – Big Drink played on through the night for our PHlocking and there was a whole lot of fun happening. The charity for the PHlocking was Carteret County Domestic Violence Program. The jello shots sold raised \$108 and the 50/50 raffle raised another \$200. The amount donated was rounded up and they received a check for \$310. Good work Parrot Heads and thanks to Jessi Holland and Rose Gerrell for a nice warm fun evening! Summer finally arrived!

May 19th Beach Bike Poker Run: It was an over the top year with some changes that resulted in the highest total ever for this event to donate. We had 243 riders (no one was put off by the weather reports....) raising \$15,000 for the Semper Fi Kids Camp for children of wounded Marines and Sailors. They are great in sending us information on how many kids were helped by our fundraising!

This year we had one category instead of three for **bike decorating** which seemed to work pretty well, there were awesome entries and others joined in the spirit by decorating themselves. Of course, those who spent the most time decorating won the cash prizes. Our impartial judges selected the following: 1st place Jessi Holland, 2nd place Renee Synan, 3rd place Jan Hicks.

Also new this year was the **Auction** of 3 wonderful items that were donated for the cause. Our favorite professional auctioneer, Leonard Crumpler, had people who were all but bidding against themselves. And the winners were: Beach Tricycle- Brian Carley, Myrtle Beach Stay-Mary & Chuck Grainger, Deep Sea Fishing Trip- Tamara Parham. Congratulations to our winners who helped us raise a total of \$3,000 and many thanks to those generous donations.

We still had a **raffle**, but this year it was a 50/50 raffle. James Hicks was the winner and donated back \$500 of his \$510 winnings. In addition there were numerous other personal donations that went toward our highest total raised ever!

Our **card sharks** were hard at work all day and had lots of fun with everyone. We did not get all the winning hands info but there were a lot of close hands. The ability to get 7 different hands plus an 8th for a \$5 mulligan made the competition exciting. The addition this year of the mulligan changed things up and raised an additional \$670 from those ever hopeful poker players.

Each year this biggest fundraiser of the year results in not only a lot of fun (fun raiser) but lets us provide a nice sum of funds for a great cause. Let's give a big shout out (or flap of the feathers) to those Parrot Heads who made sure this event was over the top, Big Bird Jami Thomas, Little Bird James Hicks and the PHlockers Jan Hicks and Carol Lauback. There were so many others who contributed to this success, especially the card sharks without whom this event would not happen. Thanks to all the volunteers (registration, T-shirt and raffle sales etc.) for all the work they did, it takes a village, or in this case a PHlock. We did have one Parrot Hat that came up missing and if you have a red parrot hat that you found, please let me know.

Sponsors were amazing and I hope you will all visit our website and follow the links to the businesses that supported this event. All of our stops donated \$300 each to be a stop, please make sure you patronize our poker stops, E-Club, Trading Post, Salt, Flipperz, Sharks Den, Island Time Tavern, The Growler and Surfs Up. In addition we had 21 coastal businesses who each donated \$150 to become an event sponsor. Please thank them when you stop by their business, Emerald Isle Realty, Coastal Mulch, Atlantic Chiropractic & Rehab, Electronics Plus in Morehead City, Banks, Gray and Crumpler, PLLC, The Wood Mortgage Lending Team from Movement Mortgage, The Emerald Isle Beach and Pool Club, Lovely Nails in Swansboro, Star Hill Golf Club, Emerald Isle Golf Cart Rentals and Sales, Kalt Life Kustom Karts, Saltwater Grill in Swansboro, VFW 9960 in Cedar Point, By the Beach Realty- Keller Williams, the Law Offices of Oliver and Cheek in New Bern, Island Pet Veterinary Hospital, Holland and Shepard Group, Cedar Point Tire Inc, Green Key Realty, The Gym- Cape Carteret Aquatic and Wellness, Laura Glantz Design and Photo

Factoid: The first few years (the club started in 2002) of the Beach Bike Poker Run were not fundraisers, we did not have a bank account until 2006 (?) and were not incorporated until 2008. It was not until 2007 that we began using this event as a fundraiser and that year we raised \$1150 for the EI EMS and a Parrot Head in Need. In 2009 we decided to use this as a fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors and raised \$1052 and had 65 riders. Since then, we have grown in number of riders, and amount of funds raised. We decided to always hold this event on Armed Forces day, the 3rd Saturday of the month and to fundraise for some of the organizations that are near and dear to our hearts, Wounded Warriors, Hope for the Warriors and for the past few years Semper Fi Kids Camp. Every year the fundraised total has increased with new ideas and new energy.

Flashback: Anyone remember when we were small enough to go to each site as a group where we picked up an actual card to carry with us? While it was so much fun, we became so many we could not fit in any of our stops at the same time and we moved to the scorecard system (alleviated the problem of lost playing cards) and the freedom to visit the stops in any order. What will we think up next?

Indulge me while I post a few pics. I only have Ken's pictures and a few from Jan so don't be offended if you don't see yourself!



Don Blunk, raffle ticket seller and pirate!



Betty Strader and Judy Blunk card sharks!



Renee Synan, 2nd place, and Jan Hick's 3rd place, and Jessi Holland's first place.

May 19th – Hands Across the Sand – while we did not directly sponsor this event, Parrot Heads were in the lead in setting up this event. It is always the same day as our BBPR, but a bit early so many can participate in both events. We had 80 people stand hand in hand at the Pier for 15 minutes to say no to dirty energy and off shore oil drilling and yes to clean energy. There were petitions to sign and lots of good conversations. Thanks to Val Johnson, Sue Stone, Mary Meyers, Jessica Lasley for putting this together and to all those Parrot Heads who came to support the event.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

June 1st, First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club – JUNE PHLOCKING – Island Escape! Strut your stuff and PHluff up your PHeathers! Wear your Buffet, Parrot Head, or Margaritaville favorites to the Friday night PHlocking, June 1, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Emerald Club! Whether it's hats, shoes or shirts, you'll be looking good for all your PHriends and to our visiting tourists searching for the "island escape!" In honor of this occasion, the EIPHC T-shirts will be sold BOGO 50% off for the first time ever! Great opportunity for our new and seasoned members to buy and wear right there! Also, look forward to Matt's free food, cold beverages, and great music in a tropical setting! If that's not enough, our 50/50 fundraiser is going to The Alzheimer's Association Longest Day event to be held on June 16. Now this is how you Party with a Purpose

June 16th 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 be in the future... We would love for y'all to join us.

Are you a Parrot Head? Of course you are! **The EIPHC will support you by a \$10 donation to Alzheimer's when you walk during our sunrise to sunset relay.** On Saturday, June 16th if you choose to walk, 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. **To sign up to walk, contact Kaye Jones, at 540-226-6673 or email her at rivarathoo79@gmail.com.** If you want to donate or if you are walking and want to get sponsors (friends or relatives), here is what you do to be part of the event.

Here is our EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB team page- <http://act.alz.org/goto/EIPHC2018>

From this page you can make a donation to the EIPHC Team and/or register to join the team (no registration fee) . When you register you will have the opportunity to purchase an Alzheimer's Association Longest Day t-shirt for \$5 or a performance t-shirt for \$10. When you register we want to identify who is fundraising for this event on behalf of the EIPHC and we would like you to register your last name in this way: Sue Stone-Parrot Head. Putting the Parrot Head after your name will identify you as a Parrot Head for the Club donation.

Last year we had 29 Parrot Head walkers. Along with Club donations for sponsoring PH walkers, auctions and raffles and Parrot Head sponsors from family and friends, the Club was responsible for raising \$7363 for this cause.

PHlash PHlockings.....several times a year we try to do a last minute small get together at some of the newer spots on the Crystal Coast to show them support. The Board will announce these from time to time so be on the lookout for announcements of these fun gatherings.



Reminder – you all need to check the information in our database to make sure it is correct. If you know someone who is not getting the emails with the newsletter, please tell them to email me at stonesend@gmail.com so we can add it in. To verify your information, go to the website, Emeraldisleparrotheads.com. Go to the membership tab. Go to the bottom of the list and click on **Retrieve Account Link**. Type in your email and a link to your info will be sent to your email. Please review carefully and make appropriate changes and save it. We know some information is wrong or outdated. Please help us out and take a few minutes to make sure your information is correct. We are missing quite a few emails and birthdays (enter by putting birthday as month spelled out and day – no year) If you know someone who is not getting the newsletter even after the info is updated, it is likely that they did not pay dues and were designated as not a member in the database.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS (we are always happy to share community charity events, please email stonesend@gmail.com to get them in the newsletter.)

A Second Helping Memorial Day to Labor Day Every Saturday and Sunday .

"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. The second site is at Stir it Up Coffee Shop in Emerald Plantation from 7-10 am . Starting it's 4th 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 Food Pantry 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 or Sunday morning 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. We now have **405 paid** members in our database for 2018. Unpaid members will be deleted this month. Several people have contacted me and I left them active as they say they will pay their dues.

Julie	Fulton	Jacksonville
Tricia	Poole	Emerald Isle
Cindy	Keen	Emerald Isle
Debbie	Deatherage	Emerald Isle
Mike	Deatherage	Emerald Isle
James	Marlowe	Emerald Isle
Jenny	Marlowe	Emerald Isle
Kristi	McClanahan	Emerald Isle
Kaye	Jones	Swansboro
Elizabeth	Ivey	Fayetteville
Diana	Peyman	Greensboro
Lucinda	Evans	Rocky Mount
Steve	Evans	Rocky Mount
Carolyn	Allsbrook	Rocky Mount
Les	Thompson	Nottingham
Jim	Packer	Emerald Isle
Linda	Bohnel	Cedar Point
A Ray	Braxton	Cedar Point
Jeff	Evans	Emerald Isle
Bethany	Howard	Emerald Isle

Parrot Head JUNE Birthdays

If you have a June Birthday, please stop by the membership table and pick up your free birthday coupon. It can only be redeemed at the June Phlocking!

Lois	Gray	6/1			
Dianne	Patterson	6/7	Bill	McGowen	6/24
Brad	Altland	6/10	Laura	Howard	6/25
Jack	Synan	6/13	Terry	Passey	6/26
Kipp	Crone	6/13	Joel	Dunn	6/27
Janene	Phillips	6/16	Pam	Corey	6/27
Ann	Stewart	6/17	Doris	Lee	6/27
Mickey	Henrickson	6/17	Betty	Nicolle	6/27
Suzanne	Reiber	6/18	Gary	Pontenberg	6/28
Patricia	Weaver	6/19	Donna	Grady	6/28
James	Marlowe	6/21	Bill	Gerdsen	6/29
Gigi	Linder	6/24	Barbara	Holzapfel	6/29

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