



Parrot Poop Newsletter – JANUARY 2019

FROM THE PERCH: Prez Jan Hicks Shares her Thoughts:

Cheers to the passing of 2018! Another chapter is written in our “Book of Parrot Head Tales.” Exciting stories include monthly PHlockings, St. Patty’s Day Celebration, Disc Golf Tournament, Land and Sea clean ups, and Island and Beach parties. Then there’s wild accountings of a daring Diva Walk, a hot chili cookoff, the building of a hippie bus, and an Island Santa Bar Crawl. But the best 2018 stories were those of many helping hands, strong working heroes, outstanding sacrifices, major giving and encouraging support for those affected by Flo! Yes folks, this has been one “well” of a year, full of wonder and mystery, calamity and joy. We have all written these stories together!

It’s now time to look forward to a new chapter waiting to be written. Let’s plan on 2019 being fantastically amazing. Come live, love, laugh, sing, dance, dream, play, give, smile and work with us at EIPHC! You can be an important part of what we do. Register for membership on line or sign up at our next PHlocking on Friday, January 4, and help us write the next chapter as “we party with a purpose.” Jan Hicks

LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!

December 7 First Friday PHlocking – A simple theme for the season, Red and Green, brought out a crowd for the last PHlocking of the year with samples of what was to come for the Santa Crawl. We are always amazed at the creativity of our PHlock. Interestingly, many of the outfits were not used for both Friday and Saturday, pointing to an extremely excitable group of Parrot Heads that exist in our PHlock. Because we did not have a parade and our intended recipient for the prize money (aren’t we so sure of ourselves) had to do without our donation, we did a 50/50 raffle for Family Promise (program serving homeless families) and put out a donation jar. The raffle raised \$231 and we had \$67 in donations and another \$50 in gift cards. The club raise the cash amount by \$2 for a total of cash donated to \$300 plus the gift cards. Thanks Parrot Heads, we made the holidays a bit easier for homeless families. Betty Strader and Jean Jensen headed up the design and building and led a meeting at the E-Club after it was

learned that the parade was cancelled where it was decided to display the float at the E-Club for the PHlocking and the Santa Crawl where the rain eventually took its toll. It was a fine VW bus.



Getting ready for the parade....



Big Bird Betty and Little Bird Jean



Kathy and Dan strut their stuff.



Betty and James showing off.

December 8th – ISLAND SANTA BAR CRAWL This was a new, first time event this year with big birds Jimi Crampton and Moh Traini and lots of little birds helping along the way. It was an overwhelming success. Nearly 300 participants visited seven local restaurants and bars, completing a photo scavenger hunt along the way. The sidewalks of Emerald Isle were

filled with folks wearing brightly colored costumes and holiday attire ranging from Santa's elves to the Grinch! The event raised \$10,000 through sponsorships, entry fees, and donations. Thanks to an additional \$5,000 made from an anonymous donor, the total donation for this event amounted to \$15,000. This money will be used by Make A Wish, Eastern North Carolina to provide "wishes" for critically ill children in Carteret and Onslow Counties.

The EIPHC is forever thankful to the sponsors, participants and donors who helped to make this event a huge success. The Emerald Club served as our host establishment and provided entertainment before and after the event. Our Santa Stops for the crawl included Snapperz, Surf's Up, The Trading Post, Island Times Tavern, The Shark's Den, The Growler, and Salt. Each stop provided its own version of fun and special food and drinks. In addition, business sponsorship from our community contributed in a big way. Premium business sponsors for the event were DEPS Safety and Security, Budget Blinds, and Tuttle Enterprise, LLC. Additional business sponsors were Buy the Beach Realty, Island Pet Veterinary Hospital, InLight Medical, Emerald Isle Beach & Pool Club, Jersey Mike's, Mills & Thomas Furniture, Sandbur Lawn Care, Cedar Point Signs & Graphics, Coastal Recovery, Molly Maids, Salon Techniques, U Dream It Builders Inc., Banks, Gray & Crumpler PLLC, Dr. Richard Holmes Family Dentistry, and Bogue RV.

The costumes were wild with winners Beth and Buck Browder took first place with a snowman theme (they donated their \$50 back to the cause), but close behind them in second place was Santa Steve Strader and his three Ho's, Tara Dyer, Betty Strader and Donna Grady. The Scavenger Hunt was won by Anne Schrott's team who donated their \$200 prize back. The 50/50 winner was Campbell Thomas who donated his winnings of \$315 back to the cause as well. What generous, fun folks!



Big Bird Jimi and Little Bird Moh!



Costume winners Beth and Buck



Runners up Steve, Betty, Donna and Tara.



Scavenger Hunt winners!

WHAT'S UP NEXT?



SPOILER ALERT – ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY, \$10 PER PERSON, PER YEAR.

There are several ways you can pay:

1) You can pay on line by going to our Parrot Head Website at emeradisleparrotheads.com (click this link) You can go to the icon that says to Join or renew or to the tab at the top that says membership. From there, go to the bottom of the page and there is a link to go to pay pal and you can click on that and pay \$10.61 .

2) You can mail a check to our post office box.

Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club
PO Box 4293
Emerald Isle, NC 28594-4293

3) You can pay with cash or check at the January or February PHlocking.

Please make this easy on the team putting information into the database for 2019 and let's tie this all up by March as we will be deleting those who have not paid. If you do not renew in February and you are deleted you will need to complete a new member form and all information will have to be entered again.

One more reminder, we are missing several types of information on a number of people. You can go to the membership tab and enter your email to look at the information in the database and you can make corrections.

January 4th, First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club - Let's share some stories about family fun and Christmas and of course any New Year's Eve stories as well. We won't be doing a 50/50 raffle, but we will be collecting dues (or you can save yourself some trouble and renew on line as per above.) We will have a sign up sheet for the PHluff up the PHlock event and if we have a new date for the cancelled Highway Pick up, we will have a sign up sheet for that as well. Let's get this new year going! DJ Robbie will be getting us going with fun music and of course Matt will have some free eats! Hope to see you there.

January 13th (Sunday) 3 PM -Annual PHluff up the PHlock Meeting: This is your chance to provide input into how our club operates and to become an active member! Each January, as tradition now has it, we come together as a PHlock to help plan the upcoming year's activities. We see who is interested in becoming a Board Member, committee chair/co-chair or someone willing to head up one of our events or PHlockings. (It is a time that you can give the Club some feedback on the good, the bad, and the ugly, and help make some positive changes in the Club.) It also allows those who are in charge of an event or PHlocking to pick a charity. There is always room for new blood, as existing Board Members are willing to stay, but happy to give up a spot if it means we can have more and different people involved. While everyone is welcome, we are really looking for those that would like to take an active role in the Club, so if you have some helpful suggestions but are not able to attend, we encourage you to send a note or speak to one of the Board Members listed in every newsletter. Please think about your role in the Club. The more active you become, the more people you will get to know and enjoy. Our Club has been in the top largest clubs slot for a few years now and I really believe it is because you are the most fun, generous, sometimes crazy group of intergenerational people in existence! We will be serving Margaritaville Shrimp and fruit, we will have water and ice tea but if you would like something more to drink, please bring it. If you would like to attend the gathering please email either Sue Stone at stonesend@gmail.com or Jan Hicks at janhicks2014@gmail.com so we know how many to count on and so that we can provide directions and an agenda.

February 3rd (Sunday)- Super Bowl Event with the Parrot Heads – Save the Date, Details are under development.

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



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 **509 paid** members in our database for the end of 2018.

Atlantic Beach

Shawn Brown

Emerald Isle

Thomas & Kristen Robert

Lorri & Jim Pohl

Jennifer O'Brien

David Novi

Lori & Craig Lathrop

Tim Kinch

Clint Hasty

Lori Godissart

David Desmond

Pat & Mary Carol Curran

Lynn Cowan

Grimesland

Karen Stocks

Swansboro

Diane J. Peterson

Kelly Dickie

Parrot Head JANUARY Birthdays

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

JANUARY Birthdays

John Ramos	Jan. 1	Clyde Yancey	Jan. 11
Ken Ambrose	Jan. 3	Steve Evans	Jan. 12
Jim Pohl	Jan. 3	Cindy Craig	Jan. 13
Willis Gray	Jan. 9	Crystal Hooper	Jan. 13
Jack Harnatkiewicz	Jan. 9	Donna Williams	Jan. 13
Weezie Tuttle	Jan. 11	Emily Hill	Jan. 14

Jane Bailey Jan. 14
Mike Flowe Jan. 15
Deb Black Jan. 17
Bill Wolf Jan. 18
Deb Walling Jan. 19
Bob Wiecech Jan. 19
Travis Toth Jan. 20
DJ Metsger Jan.21
Glen Hawkins Jan. 21
Patricia Sheets Jan. 22
Henry Wood Jan. 22
BR Browder Jan. 23
Michael Rudasill Jan. 23

Jim Packer Jan. 25
Midge Brown Jan. 26
Chris Iannello Jan. 26
Ellen Thompson Jan. 27
Andy McCarron Jan. 27
Teresa Wood Jan. 27
Susan Smith Jan. 27
Rose Maleay Jan. 27
Joanne Borday Jan. 28
Cyndi Hill Jan. 29
Ray Harris Jan. 30
Amy Fochler Jan. 31

Officers/Board

President: Jan Hicks
Vice President: Rick Walling
Co-Secretaries: Sue Stone
Maggie Rauschenberg
Co-Treasurers: Rita Babich
Carl Rauschenberg
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Jami Thomas
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