



# Parrot Poop Newsletter – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

## LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!

We had 30 fun, enthusiastic Parrot Heads show up for this year's **PHluff up the PHlock Meeting on January 21st.** We discussed the 2018 activity schedule and filled the Board with some new blood and lots of enthusiasm from all. We even got "Big Birds" for each of our activities as well as a few new ideas to ponder. We will be sending out requests for volunteers to work with the big birds and the chairs of our 3 standing committees which will be chaired by Members at Large, Technology, Publicity and Activities. Jessi Holland will also head up coordination of our First Friday PHlockings. Presenting.....



**President:** Jan Hicks

**Vice President:** Rick Walling

**Co- Treasurers:** Carl Rauschenberg and Rita Babich

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

**Members at Large:** Jimi Crampton (Technology and Publicity), Jamie Thomas (Publicity), Jessi Holland (PHlocking), Moh Traini (Activities), Donna Grady(Activities). Joel Dunn will continue to head up the Technology Committee with Jimi Crampton.

We wanted to give special thanks to our retiring past officers for all their efforts during their last term and their help in transitioning new officers who are stepping up to fill big shoes. So many THANK YOU's go out to President Jason Holland, Vice Presidents Carol Lauback and Heidi Barlow and Members at Large Renee Synan, James Hicks, Marcia McMahan, Pat Henry, and Marsha Horner. We know that they all will still be involved and pitching in with the Club and its' activities as 2018 unfolds. Other special thanks also went out to those officers who will be continuing on for another term.

The 2018 Activities will be added to the Parrot Head Website Calendar and more details added as we get further in our planning but here they are for now so you can add them to your calendar.

### January:

- 1/20 – Hoop Pole Creek Clean Up – Ken & Sue Stone (Big Birds)
- 1/21 – PHluff up the PHlock – Ken & Sue Stone (Big Birds)

### February:

Nothing Planned

### March:

- 3/10 – E.I. Marathon/1/2 Marathon/ 5K – (volunteers needed) Ken Stone (Point Person)

- 3/17 – St. Patty’s Day Booth – Jimi Crampton (Big Bird), Moh Traini

#### **April:**

- 4/7 – Disc Golf Tournament (Clean up the course before the tournament)- Jack Synan (Big Bird), Renee Synan, James Hicks, Matt Morel
- 4/21 – Highway Pickup/Sound Sweep – Jean Jensen & Val Johnson (Big Birds)
- 4/25 – New Member Social – Maggie Rauschenberg (Big Bird), Marsha Horner, Renee Synan, Sue Stone

#### **May:**

- 5/5 – Bike the Banks (volunteers needed) Ken Stone (Point Person)
- 5/19 – Beach Bike Poker Run – Jami Thomas (Big Bird), Carol Lauback, James Hicks, Betty Strader, Renee Synan
- 5/19 – Hands Across the Sand – Val Johnson (Big Bird), Sue Stone

#### **June:**

- 6/16 – Alzheimer’s Longest Day Walk – Val Johnson (Big Bird), Sue Smith

#### **July:**

Nothing planned

#### **August:**

- 8/5 – Anniversary Island/Sandbar Party – James Hicks (Big Bird), Cris Lauback, Bobbi Raub, Jeanne LaVana

#### **September:**

- 9/16 – Coast is Clear under the Pier Beach Party – Michael Moyer (Big Bird), Mendy Barrows

#### **October:**

- 10/13 – Diva Walk for Breast Cancer – Jessi Holland (Big Bird), Jan Hicks
- 10/14 – Chili Cookoff for Breast Cancer – Carol Lauback (Big Bird), Jimi Crampton, Jack Synan
- TBD – start meetings for Parade Float –Betty Strader (Big Bird), Jessi Holland, Ken Stone, James Hicks

#### **November:**

- 11/3 – Highway Pick up and possibly Sound Sweep – Jean Jensen (Big Bird), Val Johnson, Carl Rauschenberg
- 11/24 – EI Christmas Parade Float – Betty Strader (Big Bird), Ken Stone, James Hicks

#### **December:**

- 12/8: Santa Crawl – Jimi Crampton (Big Bird), Renee Synan, Sue Stone

There was a brief discussion on adding additional activities such as Scavenger Hunt or Mini Golf Tournament but those were tabled unless someone wants to do some planning on possible dates and venues.

We closed the meeting on time and enjoyed the pizza provided by the Club.

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After our inspiring “PHluff Up the PHlock” meeting Sunday, **we are looking for Club members to host First Friday phlockings.** All phlockings are held at 7 PM at the Emerald Club (EIPHC nest). Matt (owner) provides music and a light fare.

This is a GREAT opportunity to mingle with the Phlock, as well as meet new members as they join! To host a phlocking requires: Choosing a charity and selling 50/50 raffle tickets. If you would like, you can also have a theme or plan any activities for your phlocking!

So grab a friend or 4 and decide which month you want to host. If you’re not available to commit right away, no worries. Check our calendar later on to see which months are still available... I am looking forward to hearing from you! **Jessi Holland at 4jhollands@gmail.com**

**HOOP POLE CREEK CLEAN UP** – On January 20<sup>th</sup> 35 Parrot Heads assisted NC Coastal Federation members and other community groups to pickup litter and marine debris and trail maintenance. The Coastal Federation provided pizza for all after the event. This is one of the litter pick ups we do every year and each year there is less litter which means we are making a difference. There will be highway and sound litter pickups in Spring and Fall so be sure to sign up and make the world a little cleaner.



**A LOOK BACK AT WHAT WE HAVE DONE** Every year our club is required to submit an annual report to the National Parrot Head Organization (PHIP – Parrot Heads in Paradise) and we thought we would show you how the Club has grown since it was created in 2002 by Mike and Pat Haut and Bonnie Forkey. It is amazing when we look back and see what we have done for the community. We can all be proud of our great Club.

Year	Membership	Funds Raised	PH Hours
2017	511	\$27,289	1435
2016	450	\$17,682	1360
2015	413	\$17,752	1246
2014	367	\$13,014	1638
2013	338	\$10,886	3919
2012	269	\$10,476	886
2011	248	\$7,416	1118
2010	177	\$12,165	536
2009	158	\$4,399	640
2008	150	\$3,707	584
2007	169	\$3,325	353
2006	108	\$1,975	605
2005	56	\$6,800	256
2004	64	\$300	24
2003	48	\$680	24
2002	39	\$200	40



## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> , First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club – Ground Hog's

Hat Day PHlocking - So basing the next 6 weeks' weather on Punxsutawney Phil's shadow...let's see what our PHlock can predict?!? Show your forecast by wearing a seasonal hat. For example, if you think Spring will be here soon, don your favorite visor. If you think winter prevails, snuggle into your favorite toboggan. **Do It For Drew Foundation** will be our 50/50 raffle charity. For more info about this local organization, visit <https://www.doitfordrew.org/>. Hosted By Rose Gerrell and Moh Traini.. Join us for fun and fellowship with the Phlock. You can also pay your 2018 membership dues (\$10) and we'll have sign-ups for St. Patrick's Day Volunteers. See you there. Party With a Purpose.

March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day Festival. We will have a sign-up sheet at the February and March PHlockings for our St. Patty's Day Festival where we man a booth, hand out Parrot Head info, and hold a Riff Raff Raffle (you buy tickets and put them in the bucket of the item(s) you want to win.) The date is Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>. We need 15 items (\$20 value and up) for the raffle and ask Parrot Heads to donate items (hand crafted or purchased) to this effort. We will be raising money for the defibrillators for the EI Police and Life Guards. We need people for 2 hour shifts. Jimi Crampton is the Big Bird on this event and you can contact her at [jimic1023@gmail.com](mailto:jimic1023@gmail.com) or call her at 919-971-9603 for a 2 hour shift or to donate an item for the raffle.



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](mailto:stonesend@gmail.com) so we can add it in. To verify your information, go to the website, [Emeraldisleparrotheads.com](http://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)



– ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, \$10 PER PERSON, PER YEAR.

**It is that time again to pay your dues. If you joined this past October, November, or December, your dues are not due until next January(2019)**

**There are three ways to pay your dues which are \$10.00 per year per person.**

**1. if you are coming to the February 2nd PHlocking, pay with cash or check at the membership table**

**2. You can mail the dues to: Emerald Isle Parrot Heads**

**PO Box 4293  
Emerald Isle NC 28594-4293**

**3. The easiest way is to go to the website [Emeraldisleparrotheads.com](http://Emeraldisleparrotheads.com). and use the Paypal link. To do this, Go to the box on the right that says click here to join or renew. Click on box and then go past the first part (that is for new people) and scroll down. You do not need to print a form, go to the bottom and then click on the link to pay with Paypal.**

**If you pay with PayPal, please enter \$10.61**

**We would like all dues paid by the end of February. You will be deleted from the participants list and no longer receive mailings if dues are not paid by February 28.**

## **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 516 members but that number is likely to decrease if people are not paid up on their 2018 dues.

**Teresa and Henry Wood from Graham NC**

**Becky and Frank Patterson From Melbane, NC**

**Nicole Noroian from Jacksonville, NC**

**Pam and Bud Bateman from Liberty NC**

## **Parrot Head FEBRUARY Birthdays**

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

Theresa Komoski	2/2
Robert Henry	2/2
Rich Mackesy	2/3
Kevin Kimmel	2/3
Aaron Thomas	2/4
Sue Stone	2/4
Dan Dicioccio	2/4

Janice Luttner	2/5
Tobey Whichard	2/6
Michele Somogy	2/6
Joan Gerdson	2/6
Susan Mott	2/7
David Mitchell	2/8
Russ Higgins	2/8
Tonya Haut	2/9
Tom Markovich	2/10
Debbie Harnatkiewicz	2/11
Jan Dunn	2/11
Mary Mathusek	2/13
Rebecca Schiebel	2/14
Rene Simencic	2/16
Tim Randall	2/18
Marcia McMahan	2/18
John Dunn	2/18
Steve Strader	2/20
Debra Pontenberg	2/20
Michelle Erickson	2/20
Mendy Barrow	2/20
Gary Hardee	2/21
Otis Gardner	2/22
Kerri Yancey	2/23
Mike Haut	2/23
Judy Blunk	2/23
Jan Hicks	2/24
Patricia Stout	2/25
Eileen Lazevnick	2/25
Sally Kimmel	2/27

## **Officers/Board**

<b><u>President:</u></b>	<b>Jan Hicks</b>
<b><u>Vice President:</u></b>	<b>Rick Walling</b>
<b><u>Co-Secretaries:</u></b>	<b>Sue Stone</b>
	<b>Maggie Rauschenberg</b>
<b><u>Co-Treasurers:</u></b>	<b>Rita Babich</b>
	<b>Carl Rauschenberg</b>
<b><u>Members at Large:</u></b>	<b>Jimi Crampton</b>
	<b>Jami Thomas</b>
	<b>Moh Traini</b>
	<b>Donna Grady</b>
	<b>Jessi Holland</b>

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