



## Parrot Poop Newsletter – MAY 2018

### FROM THE PERCH: Jan Hicks Shares her Thoughts:

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We are family! Yep, to achieve our goals, we work together and are united in every way. You may not think that we play a part in the “big picture,” but we really do! Our volunteers make amazing things happen when we Party with a Purpose!

James and I just returned from a trip to Margaritaville at Wyndham Del Mar in Puerto Rico. We were excited about visiting San Juan, not only to experience the fun of a vacation, but to see for ourselves the state of the island and its people. Wow, what a welcome we had beginning with frozen Margaritas at check-in. During the week, when asked, folks shared terrifying stories of the hurricane, how they dealt with it and how they feel now. Let me share just a couple...

**From Jami:** *It was devastating, everything was black, no light, no phone, no radio, nothing worked. I have a 3-yr. old and live with my mother. The hotel was closed, and we had no jobs. However, this company (Wyndham) continued to pay those who could not rotate to other jobs. I rotated to Florida and worked for 2 months until I could come back and work here. I am so grateful!*

**From Roberto:** *I rushed home to save my dogs. The house was flooding like crazy. I knew we would die if we stayed. I lost everything I worked for all my life. Hey, but I got a job, I have my children and 11 grandchildren. I rent a small apartment and I'm still here (with my puppies)! I'm good.*

There were so many more stories I haven't enough space to share with you. The most memorable part of the trip will be the experience of meeting these brave people and leaving the beautiful island knowing that they have a positive outlook on themselves, their island and their future!

I can't help but reflect on my family of PH's and how our work contributes to the elderly, the homeless, the children, the less fortunate, the animals, the environment and so much more. **Not only is our local club ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world (for 2017) with 511 members, but the PH Nation together experienced \$4,067,644 in fundraising and 197,965 in volunteer hours for 2017!** We are so blessed!

Please keep our Puerto Rican friends in your prayers. Oh yeah, we shared our stories and pictures of Parrot Heads with them and they know how to Party with a Purpose!

## **LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!**

**April 6th PHlocking -** Jack and Renee Synan got everyone excited about playing Disc Golf while listening to the music by 4 Ever All. The raffle raised \$135 to combine with the proceeds from the Disc Golf event the next day.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – The Disc Golf tournament** raised \$2630.07 (including the raffles) and the Club rounded it up to \$2650. Funds raised will be presented to the Town of Emerald Isle to cover upgrades to the Disc Golf course in Emerald Woods. There was great food (thanks Black Dog Provisions) and lots of prizes and everyone had a great time. Thanks Jack and Renee for organizing this fun event. Don't know what disc golf is? Check out Jack who was not only busy cooking the tasty food, but he also had to make sure the course was all set for the tournament.



**April 21<sup>st</sup> – Highway and Soundside Litter Pick up** - It was a great Earth Day Weekend and Parrot Heads did their part in making the world a whole lot cleaner. Jean Jensen led 15 Parrot Heads in a highway cleanup on Highway 58 from Rte. 24 across the bridge to Emerald Isle, collecting 23 bags of trash seemingly thrown from cars or fallen from construction trucks. On the water, mostly east of the bridge, 6 boats, coordinated by Steve and Val Johnson were also very busy. They had 30 sea going Parrot Heads scouring the ICW islands collecting a wide variety of broken and rusted pop up tents, beach chairs, coolers, lumber, hats AND 44 large garbage bags of mostly foam, plastics, cans and bottles-much of it recyclable. Let's make their jobs easier next time by being more careful with our litter. The plastics take 400 years to biodegrade fully, and eventually end up in the fish we eat. The marine life suffers from it, mistaking it for food, and our community doesn't look as pretty to us or to our tourists. We can do better!"

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Our informal New Member Social** at Island Time Tavern was low key, giving new members a chance to have some conversations with more “seasoned” members (we try to avoid the word old) We had 11 people join the Club. Maggie did up individual name tags for our newer members along with a special beads so people knew who was new and hopefully made an extra effort to talk with them. The Club bought just the right amount of Pizza for the 60 or so people who came.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

**May 4th , First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club** – Be ready to have some fun, Matt from the E-Club has booked Big Drink and the weather looks just right for a real outside PHlocking! Free food and \$3 Coronas and Landsharks. Jessi Holland is the one in charge and she has chosen the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program for the raffle charity.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> is the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Bike Poker Run:** The time has come! Our 15th Annual Beach Bike Poker Run is just around the corner. Mark May 19th on your calendar for the FUN filled day! The bicycle poker run will begin at the Emerald Club. **New this year we have ONLINE REGISTRATION AND IT SAVES YOU \$5!**

To register, follow this link <http://emeraldisleparrotheads.com/2018-bbpr-registration-form/> or go to the website Emeraldisleparrotheads.com. **Online registration allows you to save time the day of the event. We also have online t-shirt purchases this year, so register today to guarantee yourself the t-shirt size you want! Pre-registration with the reduced price is available until May 11<sup>th</sup> so sign up early! Early registration on-line is \$20, after May 11<sup>th</sup> and on the day of, the cost is \$25.**

- Starting at 11:30 you can pick up your registration packet (if you registered on line) or complete a same day registration.
- The Bicycle Decoration Competition will begin at 1:30 pm. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the bicycle competition will be CASH!

Riders will head to the 7 Poker Stops at 2 pm to collect the best poker hand possible! We will venture to Salt, Surf's Up, Trading Post, Flipperz, Island Time Tavern, Shark's Den and the Growler.

Think you have a good hand but missing that "one" card? Purchase a mulligan for \$5! **You MUST have your hand turned in by 5pm at the E-Club.** 1st place wins \$300, 2nd place takes home \$200 and 3rd place finishes the day with \$100.

Following the turning in of your cards, **join us for our live auction!** (We take credit cards, so don't be afraid to bid!!) We will be auctioning off a deep sea fishing trip, a beach tricycle, and a stay at Myrtle Beach! Help us meet our goal as we continue raising "fun"ds for the Semper Fi Outdoor Odyssey Kid's Camp. This organization sends children of wounded Marines to a week of summer camp where they are paired with mentors for the following school year.

Winners of the Poker hand will be announced at 5:30pm.

If you don't think you can or don't want to ride your bike you can walk or drive but if you want to guarantee some fun, volunteer to work as a card shark at one of the stops. You get to see everyone and see what kind of a hand people are getting. Plus there are lots of laughs. Card Sharks cannot play poker hands.

**If you signed up to volunteer there will be a short meeting on Wed, May 16th at Island Time Tavern from 6-6:30.**

Don't forget to dress for success with your bike. We would also like to remind everyone about the **Hands Across the Sand event that will be held at 11:45 at the Bogue Inlet Pier. See info below in Community Events. Costumes are encouraged!!!!**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Here are several ways you can participate.

Are you a Parrot Head? 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rivarathoo79@gmail.com).** If you can't walk and want to donate or if you are walking and want to get sponsors (friends or relatives) we will be sending out a separate email with specific, detailed directions on how to work with the Alzheimer's Longest Day page so that we can keep track of how much money our Parrot Heads are able to raise. 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](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) 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**



**May 5<sup>th</sup> – Bike the Banks event**. Sponsored by the Emerald Isle Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 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) \$40 entry fee, Ride 3: Cape Lookout (100 miles) \$40 entry fee Questions? Contact [mrt@ec.rr.com](mailto:mrt@ec.rr.com) . Funds raised will be used to enhance the Emerald Isle Multi Use Path.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – Hands Across the Sand – 11:30 at the Pier.** The premise of Hands Across the Sand is simple: on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 12 p.m. local time people will join hands for 15 minutes on beaches and parks around the world to demonstrate support for protecting our coasts from oil and gas development and the need to transition to clean energy solutions. Events all over the world are organized locally by volunteers. There is also a Hands Across the Sand in Atlantic Beach at Ft. Macon. Val Johnson and Sue Stone are organizing the event at the Emerald Isle Pier with Bogue Banks Surf Rider Foundation. This event is just before the BBPR so costumes are welcome. Ride your bike or walk or if driving be sure to ask the parking attendant about the free parking in a designated area during the time of the event only.



**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 **383 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.

Rodney	Stewart	Cape Carteret
Rachel	Stewart	Cape Carteret
Lenny	Butta	Emerald Isle
Ginny	Butta	Emerald Isle
Tom	Clavin	Emerald Isle
Canio	Codella	Emerald Isle
Kristin	Duke	Emerald Isle
Karl	Holzapfel	Emerald Isle
Barbara	Holzapfel	Emerald Isle
Wanda	Martinez	Emerald Isle
Belinda	Meeks-Co	Emerald Isle
LaVel	O'Neal	Emerald Isle
Martha	Przysucha	Emerald Isle
John	Przysucha	Emerald Isle
John	Ramos	Emerald Isle
Don	Vickers	Greenville
Leigh	Vickers	Greenville
Chris	Iannello	Raleigh
Early	Iannello	Raleigh
Lisa	Gibson	Swansboro
Dean	Michaux	Swansboro

## Parrot Head May Birthdays

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

Leigh			Patricia	Henry	5/4
Ann	Byrum	5/1	Lauren	Ayer	5/4
Taney	Browder	5/1	Jim	Yonally	5/5
Day	Cerone	5/2	Doris	Speicher	5/5
Jessica	Anderson	5/2	Dakota	Roberts	5/6

Sandy	Francis	5/7
Lenny	Butta	5/7
Gerry	Arner	5/8
Earl	Black	5/9
Jane	Sewell	5/10
Lisa	Miller	5/10
Sharon	Ciamillo	5/12
Erica	Markovich	5/13
David	Patterson	5/14
Rhetta	O'Quinn	5/15
Janet	Denny	5/15
Gene	Cole	5/15
Ron	Barritt	5/15
Jim	Tuttle	5/16
Wayne	Gerrell	5/17

Brianna	Bingerman	5/17
Emilie	Zucker	5/18
Allen	Ross Jr.	5/18
Anita	Byer	5/18
Jeanne	LaVana	5/21
Robert	Phillips	5/24
Jean	Jensen	5/24
John	Henrickson	5/25
Kip	Baker	5/26
Terry	Groseclose	5/29
Ken	Stone	5/30
Bob	Linder	5/30
Patricia	Horner	5/30
Greg	Hayes	5/30

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