



Parrot Poop Newsletter – DECEMBER 2018

FROM THE PERCH: Prez Jan Hicks Shares her Thoughts:

By now you know that EIPHC's float didn't make it to the parade since there was no parade. Lots of hours of labor and love were shared while crafting this baby! Even in its beginning stages, we knew we had a winner! The bright colorful shapes and letters on its sassy frame display love, hope, happiness and whacky Christmas pun! No way we could lose! Still wanting to share it, our float remains intact and is ready to make a grand appearance at the upcoming Island Santa Bar Crawl on Saturday, December 8. Don't miss it! And, a "special thanks" goes to the many volunteers who offered their valuable time and extraordinary talents for over two months on this labor of love! YOU ROCK!

Listen up, it's the perfect time for you to finish out 2018 with a big bang! On December 7 we'll phlock at the Emerald Club for our annual Christmas party. Be sure to wear red or green or you'll get Grinched! If you're not a member yet, you can join at the party. Also, you can register there for the first ever Island Santa Bar Crawl to be held the following day, December 8! Visit our website for details on these and other events!

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Holiday while celebrating with family and friends and here's wishing you a safe and Very Merry Christmas! Hope to see you on December 7th and again on the 8th as we "Party with a Purpose!" Jan Hicks

LOOK WHAT WE DID!!!

November 2 First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club - PHlocking host Rita Babich and her team got some fun going with the Jimmy Buffet Karoke singing. The 50/50 raffle raised \$200 for the USO in Jacksonville. They provide assistance to our troops stationed locally and those going and coming home. Once again, a fun Friday social time.

Emerald Isle Christmas Parade.... was cancelled on and off several times before the official cancellation was called. A good thing as safety was a concern with the weather and even a tornado touch down. Unfortunately there was no rain date and we still have an awesome

float at Stonesend garage. All is not lost however, we will have the great unveiling for the December 7th PHlocking and at the December 8th Santa Crawl at the E-Club. Know it would have been a winner but since no one wants to store it for next year's parade, we will show you all the results of all the hard work of the float committee and their leaders Betty Strader (Big Bird) and Jean Jensen (Little Bird) on Friday and Saturday. It is awesome!



WHAT'S UP NEXT?

December 7th , First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM Emerald Club . Let's start off the Christmas Season by having some fun and doing something for those who will have no home for Christmas. At this month's PHlocking we will be dressing in RED or GREEN just to warm up to the whole season. If you don't wear either color, you may be GRINCHED. Want to know what happens if you get GRINCHED? Not telling! Matt will have DJ Robbie and free food. If you have not signed up for the Santa Crawl yet, you can register at the PHlocking for \$10. If you wish to register the day of the event (the next day 12/8/18) you will pay \$15. Check out the Santa Crawl details in this newsletter.

This year for our Christmas Charity, we will be asking members to donate **to Family Promise of Carteret County.** We had intended to donate our parade float winnings (are we presumptive) of First Place (\$250) to this organization. **Please read the information on the families assisted this year by this faith based organization that is at the end of this newsletter.** The needs are great and the hurricane resulted in more families in need of help finding homes. Several of the churches that house families at night (Family Promise has only office/day space) were damaged and for a bit, homeless families were housed in the day space.

They are in dire need of help. When we inquired what they needed, they informed us that they have little space to store needed items and that they could use Walmart gift cards or other gift cards as well and monetary donations. We will have a donation jar at the PHlocking and please give what you can this Christmas season. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle for Family Promise.



December 8th– ISLAND SANTA BAR CRAWL 2:00-6:00pm to benefit Make a Wish - This fun event is sponsored by the Emerald Isle Parrot Heads to benefit the Eastern Carolina Make a Wish Foundation. \$10 for pre-registration, \$15 the day of the event. Pre-registration at www.emeraldisleparrotheads.com or on Facebook – Emerald Isle Parrot Heads. On line registration **ENDS on Thursday, December 6th**. You can also pre register at the December 7th First Friday PHlocking. On the day of the event, Saturday, the Emerald Club will be open at Noon for participants who have "registered online" AND for "live registration." Registration will end at 1:30.

We have had a great outpouring from local businesses that have sponsored this event, so please let them know you appreciate their help. **This event is hosted by the Emerald Club.**

DEPS Safety and Security

Budget Blinds

Tuttle Enterprise, LLC

Coastal Recovery

Sandbur Lawn Care

Bogue RV

Banks, Gray and Crumpler, PLLC

Jersey Mikes

Island Pet Veterinary Hospital

Emerald Isle Beach & Pool Club

Mills & Thomas Furniture

Family Dentistry

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Salon Techniques
Molly Maid, Cedar Point
Bogue RV
Cedar Point Signs & Graphics
InLight Medical
By the Beach Realty

Now for the details!

Where – The Crawl starts and ends at the E-Club and you can crawl, walk, ride a bike or ride with a DD or other safe transportation (Please do not drink and drive) to 7 local “watering” holes. (The Growler, The Island Time Tavern, Sharks Den, Trading Post, Salt, Snapperez and Surf’s Up.) Stops will have drink specials so be prepared. The bars/stops open at 2 and close at 6 p.m. sharp! There will be a 50/50 Raffle too!

What- Dress for the season, Santa, Elves, and Ugly Sweaters welcome. There will be a \$50 prize for best dressed. There will be a food truck at the E-Club at the end of the event. Check out Urban Street Eats from Cedar Point on Facebook.

Options : PhotoScavenger Hunt with \$200 winning prize. Get a team of PHriends (pick a team name); Teams can be 2 or more people (remember if you win you have to split the \$200 cash prize) . Pick a Captain who will be the one in charge and who must have a digital camera/phone. All photos need to be on one device to be eligible to win. All stops must be visited to compete. Visit each stop at your own pace and in your own order and perform the required photo selfie at each bar/stop exactly as listed on the Scavenger Hunt Entry Form, using one designated phone for pictures. Your entire team must return to the Emerald Club and give your completed playing card to the volunteers at the door entry **no later than 6:15** to qualify for the drawing. At the end of the game, a team will be drawn from the completed cards. If your team is drawn, you will be asked to show, from the designated phone, pictures of each completed task before being presented the \$200 as winner.

Make a Wish Foundation - Our local branch is working hard to make wishes come true for critically ill children in our area. When a wish comes true it helps children feel stronger, more energetic, more willing and able to battle their critical illnesses. For many, the wish marks a turning point in the fight against their illnesses. Doctors, nurses and other health professionals say the wish experience works in concert with medicine to make their patients feel better emotionally and even physically. That is why wishes matter. That is why we want to help Make a Wish grant wishes.

December 15th (Saturday)– Highway Pick Up - We meet at the Emerald Club at 11am and will be picking up litter from Highway 24 and 58 intersection to the bridge (and a little bit on the other side of the bridge). After the pick up we ask participants that can, join us for an

informal lunch out (dutch treat). We will have a sign up sheet at the PHlocking or you can contact Jean Jensen at belguimboy@aol.com or phone him at **607-759-7159**.

January 13th (Sunday) Annual PHluff up the PHlock Meeting: (save the date, details in next newsletter)

This is your chance 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. There is always room for anyone as existing Board Members are willing to stay but happy to give up a spot if it means we can have more 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 interested in being active, 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!

February 3rd (Sunday)- Super Bowl Event with the Parrot Heads – Save the Date, Details in the January newsletter.

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 **493 paid** members in our database for 2018. Will we make it 500 before the end of the year???

Valerie Rohrig – Emerald Isle
Cindy Craig - Swansboro
Janice Graniero - Jacksonville
Marvette Bagwell - Maysville

Parrot Head DECEMBER Birthdays

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

DECEMBER Birthdays

Chuck Grainger	Dec 1	Roma Browder	Dec 15
David Branch	Dec 1	Penny Pollard	Dec 15
Carl Rauschenberg	Dec 2	Andy Heath	Dec 17
Mike Nicolle	Dec 3	Jackie Foster	Dec 17
Dicky Searce	Dec 4	Melissa Kenward	Dec 18
Jim Antinore	Dec 4	Bonnie Forkney	Dec 20
Richard Pilson	Dec 5	Billy Alford	Dec 21
Danny Haut	Dec 5	George Brumbelow	Dec 22
Julie Hetzel	Dec 5	Scott Jones	Dec 22
Carol Wilkins	Dec 5	Kay Pearman	Dec 23
Taylor Efland	Dec 6	James Bunn	Dec 24
Carolyn Allsbrook	Dec 6	Linda McGowan	Dec 24
Steve Mathusek	Dec 7	Bill Thomas	Dec 25
Richard Dehart	Dec 7	Jeff Casper	Dec 25
Cecil Davis JR	Dec 8	Greg Stenzel	Dec 27
Rick Walling	Dec 9	Loretta Alexander	Dec 29
Buck Browder	Dec 9	Jan Mitchiner	Dec 30
Debbie Peel	Dec 9	Lavel O'Neal	December
Mara Browder	Dec 11		
Tom Clavin	Dec 11		
James Weaver Sr	Dec 12		
Joe Howard	Dec 14		

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Officers/Board

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	Carl Rauschenberg
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	Jami Thomas
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	Donna Grady
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Pat Haut
Mike Haut

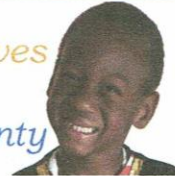


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November 14, 2018

Dear Suzanne Stone,

*Enriching the lives
of children
in Carteret County*



2018 has been especially challenging this year for Family Promise.

Like much of Carteret County, we were hit hard by Hurricane Florence. Four families who graduated from Family Promise found themselves homeless once again after the storm. The Leon Mann Senior Center served as a shelter for weeks, but that ended, and with the help of some great partners we were able to place 3 of those families in a motel. Unfortunately, they do not know where they will live when their time in the motel is up. With the help of FEMA, the remaining family relocated out of the county. We currently support those 4 families in the motel plus 4 families in house. The total number of individuals is 24. We are also working closely with 43 people in our Outreach Program. These are people who are not eligible for Family Promise.

As a result of the storm, the number of homeless families in Carteret County has soared. Family Promise resources are stretched to the limit. 4 of our 12 host churches had damage from the storm that prevented them from hosting our guests. Housing is almost nonexistent and the county as a whole now has a free and reduced breakfast and lunch rate of 52.5%, as opposed to 41.8% before the storm. That 10.7% increase is an excellent measure of how Florence has resulted in an increase in poverty in our county.

The Family Promise Board of Directors and I would like to thank you for your support this year and to share with you how we have been good stewards of your offerings. So far in 2018, we have welcomed 47 people into our program, including 39 homeless children.

Our program is evolving based on the needs of our guests. Last year we reported that most of our parents required additional skills in order to succeed. To respond, in January 2018 we began a few new initiatives to our program: Parenting Skills and Financial and Budget Management. As we know good parenting is a



Together, our families and yours

must for children to grow healthy and well adjusted. We were able to enroll 12 guests in parenting classes with several local organizations and participate in budgeting and financial classes through Woodforest Bank, because when living on a minimum wage income, learning to budget is important. Guests learn to pay bills on time, use food stamps more wisely, prioritize needs before wants, and everyone learned to start saving.

We were successful getting children settled in school with continued tutorial work and remediation as needed. All children either attend afterschool programming or child care services. All of our children are doing better in school; reading and mathematics skills have improved, and self-esteem has increased. We helped our guests find jobs and housing. Locating affordable housing was a challenge this year because we have had little support from HUD but homes were found, deposits paid and life was good. Then there was Florence.

Building community, strengthening lives.

We continue to assist homeless individuals that do not meet Family Promise requirements by allowing them a place to take a shower, do their laundry, use our computer lab and have a meal. If they are sleeping in their car, under bridges, on a boat or in a tent, we offer mats, pillows and blankets. We also refer them to county human services for additional support.



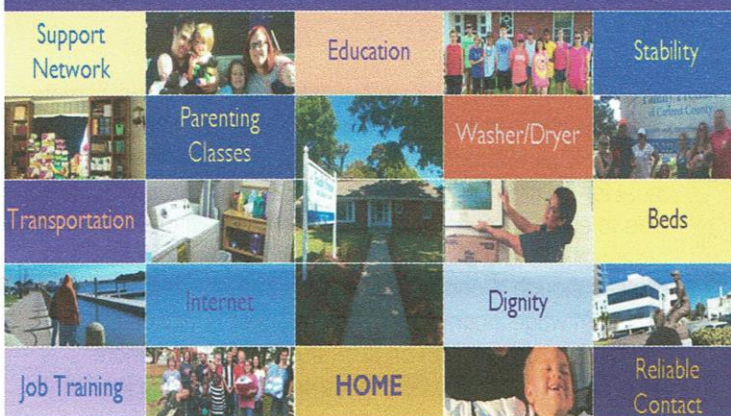
As you may be aware Family Promise does not receive any federal, state or local government funding. All of our funding comes from our faith-based community, congregations, local grants, foundations, civic clubs and generous individuals like you. Our 2018 operating budget is \$85,000. To date we have received \$52,500 from generous supporters. We need \$32,500 in order to meet our 2018 budget.

A donation of \$200.00 keeps Family Promise operational for one day. A smaller donation of \$25.00 will purchase a tank of gas, \$100.00 helps a family pay for childcare for the month, and \$300.00 covers the deposits for electricity and water as our families complete our program and are ready to exit. We are grateful for your past support and hope that we can count on that same support again now.

Here is our continued promise to you. **Together we can change our community for the better** - right now - with your tax deductible gift to Family Promise. Please consider making a donation so more families can receive the help and services they so desperately need to achieve lasting stability.

As our community's homelessness has increased these past months, you continue to be the best partner in ending family homelessness in Carteret County.

WHAT \$85,000 PROVIDES TO HOMELESS FAMILIES IN CARTERET COUNTY:



Your financial donation transforms lives!

How to contribute:

Mail: Use the enclosed envelope to mail a check.

Online: Visit our web site: familypromisecarteret.org/donate

Facebook: Use the donate tab at facebook.com/familypromisecarteret

In Person: Stop by our Day Center at 1500 Arendell St. Morehead City

Thank you for your continued support to Family Promise,

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Board President

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