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Parrot Poop – January 2024

Phocking – Friday, January 12
7:00 at the Emerald Club

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Greetings Parrot Heads

Hello Parrotheads! It's January 2024 and that means we get together as "The Phlock" to plan the New Year. Our annual meeting will be on January 21. We are excited to discuss the success of 2023 and our future adventures for 2024! If you are interested in becoming an officer or chairing a committee or simply would like to contribute suggestions for the new year, you are invited to attend this meeting. More information about the meeting is written below. The best way to get to know your fellow Parrot Heads starts with attending our "Phluff Up the Phlock" meeting. Mark your calendar for this date. Hope to see you there!



Whaz Coming Up in January?



❖ Friday, January 12 at 7:00 pm - Phlocking at the Emerald Club



HEADS UP: PHLOCKING DATE CHANGED FROM JAN 5 TO JAN 12, due to closure of E-Club on Jan 5. We are starting off the New Year right with a “Kick it up a Notch” Phlocking. Wear your Happy New Year hats and bring your noisemakers as we celebrate our first phlocking of the New Year. Matt is providing food and music for the phlock! Our 50/50 raffle charity will be Back Pack Kids. Bring your phriends for a phun night!

***Note: Correction – The November Phlocking total for Marsha’s Mission was \$1,000 instead of \$500 as reported.**

❖ **Sunday, January 21 at 3:00 pm – 2023 Phluff Up the Phlock Annual Membership Meeting**
The annual meeting of the “Phluff Up the Phlock” Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3 pm, in the home of Lois Gray, 6717 Ocean Drive, Emerald Isle, NC. All club members are invited. If you have not already paid your dues, you may pay them at the meeting.



The main purpose of the meeting is to select and vote upon members for the Board of Directors and Members at Large, and to schedule major events and the people (Big Birds) to head up each one. Please review our BYLAWS



at www.emeraldisleparrotheads.com for information and qualifications of officers prior to the meeting. They are found in the Menu, under “Membership.”

In addition, attendees will be given the Annual Report by Betty Strader, turned in each year to PHIP, Inc., which will reflect all events, monies donated for each, and grand totals for 2023 donations.

2023 has been an exciting year for our Club and the new year has begun. If you are interested in being a part of 2024 as an Officer, Big Bird, Committee Chairman, or Phlocking Big Bird, please join us! If you just want to come and be a part of the planning, you are welcome. A list of Board Members and Members at Large are listed on our Website and on the last page of our newsletters. Come help us ring in the NEW YEAR!

❖ Now thru January 26 – Christmas Tree Beach Renourishment Project

Do you need to dispose of your used Christmas Tree? In conjunction with the Surfrider Foundation Bogue Banks Chapter, Parrot Heads would like to help promote and support this project. Jason Holland and Matt Morell are volunteering their services to help the Surfriders in collecting and placing these trees on our beaches to help build our sand dunes. Below is the information you will need if you'd like to donate your used live tree.



We are collecting them at the corner of Islander and Emerald Drive until 1/26. The event where we will place the trees is currently scheduled for 1/27.

Have a tree to donate but no way to haul it?? We have a few options for you!

1. **Our local Sea Scout group is picking up trees as a fundraiser with a \$10 suggested donation. Sign up here:**
<https://sites.google.com/view/scouts7730/XMasFundraiser>
2. **Mr. Jason Holland at Gimme Some Mower Lawn Care, LLC has volunteered to pick up trees for those who are unable! Give him a shout at 919-623-0653**
3. **Our good friend Matt Morel at Emerald Club has also volunteered to pick up trees! Please contact him if you are in need! 🌲**



Membership Dues For 2024

We will collect dues for 2024 at the January Meeting. Dues are still a bargain at \$10.00 per year.

There are three ways to pay your dues. Come to the January Phlocking and pay dues.

Other Methods

Method 1 – Use our website to renew, emeraldisleparrotheads.com. Use the [Click here to Join or Renew](#) picture ([or click this link!](#)) and follow the directions. You do not fill out a form to renew. There is a **\$1.00 fee** that you need to add to your \$10.00 for each membership being renewed. This is the fee to PayPal. Also, you do not need to have a PayPal account. Any credit card can be used.

Method 2- Renew your membership through the mail. Send check to
Emerald Isle Parrot Heads
PO Box 4293
Emerald Isle, NC 28594-4293

We don't want to eliminate your membership from our data base when it is updated to reflect current paid memberships. Our club dues are lower than any other club.

After paying a small only amount of each membership to the National Parrot Head Club, we use the rest to run projects to help the community.



Look What We Did in December!

The month of December was devoted to raising funds for the Make-A-Wish, Eastern North Carolina foundation. Thanks to Janice Netherland from Make-A-Wish who worked relentlessly with us to make these events possible. Enough cannot be said about the countless hours and planning by our Big-Bird organizers, Moh Traini and Jimi Crampton. Parrot Head members and guests were so generous in their contributions to this worthy cause. Listed below are the events and some great pictures that capture the spirit of the entire week of fundraising. Now wait for it, wait for it...

Make-a-Wish Party Weekend

December 1, 2, 3

The total raised by these events and presented to Make-A-Wish...

\$17,250



❖ Friday, December 1 at 7:00 pm- Phlocking at the Emerald Club

Ugly Sweater Night at the E-Club! Thanks to our Big Birds, Moh Traini, Jimi Crampton, and Kathy Ruge for planning an awesome evening for you.



❖ Saturday, December 2 -Santa Crawl



Thanks to our Phantastic Sponsors!



Santa Crawl (continued)



And the Winners Are...Kiss

❖ Sunday, December 3 – 34 North - Chili Cookoff and Auction



The Island Santa Bar Crawl “After Party” was held at 34 North in Cedar Point. We had a **Chili Cook-Off** w, live music by **The Will and Tony Show** and a **live auction** to benefit Make a Wish of Eastern NC. We auctioned off some great items including a crab pot tree, photo canvases and artwork, a beach bicycle, a boat charter trip, wood carvings, Christmas decor, pottery, some fine bourbon and lots of fun bar decor.





Welcome New Members!

Marie Howard Emerald Isle, NC	Jason Fleenor Emerald Isle, NC	Ted Eschete Emerald Isle, NC
Susan Eschete Emerald Isle, NC	Pamela Collins Emerald Isle, NC	Joseph Collins Emerald Isle, NC
Phil Parks Emerald Isle, NC	Karen Tompkins New Bern, NC	Scott Stanton New Bern, NC
Suzanne Casey Fuquay Varina, NC	Kim Lafave Louisburg, NC	



Parrot Head January Birthdays

(It's your birthday! Stop by the membership table and pick up your pass for a free beer!)

Mac Nelson	Jan 3	Deb Black	Jan 17
Maureen Callaghan	Jan 4	Deb Walling	Jan 19
James Pohl	Jan 5	Travis Toth	Jan 20
Jay Wooten	Jan 6	Jill Croom	Jan 21
Jack Harnatkiewicz	Jan 9	Don Acheson	Jan 22
Willis Gray	Jan 9	Joel Nichols	Jan 22
Weezie Tuttle	Jan 11	BR Browder	Jan 23
Clyde Yancey	Jan 11	Dena Anbar	Jan 26
Bill Clark	Jan 14	Mark Griffith	Jan 26
Jane Bailey	Jan 15	Ellen Thompson	Jan 27
Mike McCarson	Jan 15	Andy McCarron	Jan 27
Dennis Hodge	Jan 15	Deidre "Dee" Russel	Jan 28
Bruce Truckner	Jan 16	Sandy Farrell	Jan 29

Your Parrot Head Board

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Jimi Crampton

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Betty Strader

Co-Secretary

Mike Rudasil

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Carol Lauback

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Activities Directors

Moh Traini

Membership Directors

Maggie Rauchenberg

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