

# Nature Coast PHC Update



We hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It was great getting together to ring in 2010 with our friends. A big thank you goes out to Suz Zakar & JB (Jeff) Baich for their hospitality and opening their home to all of us. The food was excellent and Suz, you outdid yourself with all of the international foods you prepared. Thank you for introducing us to such delectable delights.



Message from our President:

I'd like to thank all of you for your well wishes for my mom. I've had the chance to visit her in Michigan this past week and she is doing as well as can be expected. Her road to recovery will be a long one, but she's a fighter and doesn't give up easily. Thank you for keeping her in your thoughts.

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## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Effective for the month of January only, the membership dues will be reduced to \$40/couple instead of \$50 and \$25/single instead of \$30. This will increase to the original fee in February. In addition, the person who recruits the most NEW members to our club will receive free membership for the year 2011. So let's get out there and make this the best PHC in the region!



Parrot Head Rendezvous Raffle:

After speaking to the Panama City PHC about the free registration we received, it has been decided by your Board of Directors to hold a raffle at the January meeting for all of those members that registered by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The winner of this raffle will receive a refund of their registration fee in the amount of \$50.00. The Panama City PHC was thrilled to see so many of us participate in their fundraiser. We actually have about a third of our club registered to attend. I'm waiting for Panama City to get back with me, but this is the tentative list I have based on the Coconut Telegraph within the club.

Beaton, Jeanne	Bird, Steve	Bird, Teresa
Cunningham, Ginny	Cunningham, Pat	Green, Karen
Hirschak, Chris	Hirschak, Fran	Hirschak, Tom
Kelly, Carole	Kelly, Dennis	Massengale, Buz
Massengale, Maryann	Neff, Rich	Neff, Wendy
Pastick, Pam	Price, Barbara	Radford, Kathy
Radford, Wes	Rodgers, Terri	Salerno, Joe
Salerno, Judi	Sonnier, Debbie	Sonnier, Mark
Sonnier, Kristin	Sonnier, Mark Brandon	Walton, Dave
Walton, Grace	Warren, Horace	Williston, Lee

If your name is not on this list and you registered by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> as a member of the Nature Coast PHC, please contact Teresa Bird as soon as possible via email; [tbird525@gmail.com](mailto:tbird525@gmail.com). Please have a copy of your registration confirmation available. I know some of you that are not on the list expressed an interest in attending. I've also asked Panama City for a total count of registered people to see how close they are to meeting the cut-off of 400 people. I hope to have the final list this week.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Longshotz Sports Bar. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be considered our State of the Phlock meeting which we hope to incorporate at least twice a year. Your input is greatly appreciated and your volunteer services are even more valuable. This is your chance to be heard. If you have a specific topic you would like to address at this meeting, you must first email the President so that he may assign time in his agenda for you to address the membership. We will need to keep the time to a minimum in order to keep order and complete the business portion of the meeting in a reasonable time frame. We look forward to your ideas and participation.

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Don't forget to bring your used Christmas cards to the January meeting to be donated to the St. Jude's Ranch for children. For more info., please visit their website: [www.stjudesranch.org](http://www.stjudesranch.org).

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### WINDOW ON THE WORLD



*This section is designed to inform all of you about other regional parties with a purpose. Florida is known as a "melting pot" of sorts representing people from many different areas. So when you're travelling back home, wherever it may be, or vacationing in a new area, you may be there at a time when these events are taking place and you may want to participate. These are just a few of the events taking place, or sponsored by clubs in Florida. We encourage all of you to visit [www.phip.com](http://www.phip.com) to find a club in the area you'll be visiting.*

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### **Pardi-Gras 2010**

**"Rolling on the River"**

**Jan. 14-17, 2010**

**New Orleans, LA**

**Registration is now OPEN!**

<http://www.pardi-gras.com>

What is Pardi-Gras? Started in November, 1997, this annual event has been attracting revelers from around the country for a "tropical party" ever since. It was moved from November to January in the third year, and has remained there since. The year 2010 will mark the 13th annual rendition of Pardi-Gras.

Pardi-Gras heavily caters to a special group of people known as "Parrot Heads". That nickname refers to their love of singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett's music, and lifestyle. The event is open to *anyone*, however, and roughly 1/3 of the attendees of Pardi-Gras have traditionally been folks who just like the tropical atmosphere and music that Pardi-Gras embodies. You don't have to be a member of any formal group to participate in Pardi-Gras. Over the years, Pardi-Gras has evolved into a four day event. The party features

plenty of live music, as well as other fun activities unique to the French Quarter. Browsing through pictures of previous years' events will give you a pretty clear picture of what Pardi-Gras is all about.

We invite you to join us in January, in New Orleans, for Pardi-Gras 2010. Come find out why we call it, "The Ultimate French Quarter Party"!

Entertainment:

Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef, John Reno, Late As Usual, Troy Allan, Dennis Davis, Jim Hoehn, Corned Beef and Curry, Phins Band, Bob "What's my Name?" Karwin, Thom Shepherd and the Nashville, Songwriters, Jim Asbell & the Tropholics, Sunny Jim White, Larry Joe Taylor, Brent Burns.

## **1st official TROP ROCK Caribbean Cruise!**

**Puerto los Somewhere!**

**Carnival Inspiration**

**January 16-21, 2010**

**Tampa~Grand Cayman~Cozumel~Tampa!**

[www.peglegharbor](http://www.peglegharbor)

Nightly Trop Rock Entertainment:  
Jack Mosley and the Mosley Band  
Kelly McGuire  
John Reno  
Hugo Duarte  
John Friday  
John Patti  
Michael "Crawdaddy" Crawley

DJ Jeff Allen will be our host keeping all the festivities rockin' daily...LIVE remote Sand Bar Radio Broadcasts daily. Silent and LIVE Auctions, Cabana Boy/Babe Contest, Raffles, Pool Olympics. Private Cocktail Party, Goodie Bag, Wine in your Cabin, Private Trop Rock Performances Nightly~Must be a guest of the group with Credentials to attend, Writers Jamz, Pool Party and many other surprises!

Yes, we will have a Pirate Night and a Toga Night!

All to benefit "Singing for Change"

There a very limited number of available Ocean-view and Interior Cabins remaining. Due to keeping the performances as intimate as possible we have limited the group size to accommodate all guests and our Trop Rock Artists.

When the limited cabins are booked we will not reserve any additional cabins. We do have available space for cabin-mates~ both male/female and smoking /nonsmokingBook Now! The \$200.00 deposit per person will hold your cabin. Final payment due October 10, 2009. You may cancel and receive a 100% refund until November 10, 2009.

Come join the party with the best of TROP Rock!

**Parrot Heads of Central Florida (PHCF) (4 of our members are attending this one so far)**

**2nd annual Fruitcakes in the Alley Bowling Tournament To benefit The Arthritis Foundation on behalf of Kids with Arthritis**

**January 29 & 30, 2010**

## **Altamonte Springs, FL**

<http://www.fruitcakesinthealley.com>

Located at the AMF Lanes in Altamonte Springs, FL, last years' inaugural event raised over \$10,000! Sign up today to Party with a Purpose and help us raise even more money this year! This event features a scratch and handicap bowling tournament with single and team prizes, an auction and raffle with valuable prizes, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and much more!

### Entertainment:

Jimmy Parrish and the Ocean Waves Band

Captain Josh

Sunny Jim Band featuring Jimi Pappas, Skeet Mavis and Charlie DeCosa

Hotel accommodations are a steal this year, with special \$95/night room rates for Parrot Heads at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites for Friday and Saturday nights. It's just a 2-minute walk from the Bowling Alley, so no driving all weekend!

Everything you need to know about this event can be found at

<http://www.fruitcakesinthealley.com>

See you in January!

Mary Libbey

Membership Occifer

Parrot Heads of Central Florida

## **6th Annual "Halfway to Phlocking"**

**January 29 and 30, 2010**

**The Commodore Perry Inn & Suites**

**255 W. Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452**

The Commodore Perry is operated by Mr. Ed Fitzgerald, owner of the Commodore Motel and Mr. Ed's Bar on Put-in-Bay, our Phlocking headquarters! Ed has promised Corona & special mixed drink prices, and dinner specials.

Entertainment by KD Moore on Friday Evening.

Saturday entertainment includes

Johnny Rodriguez

Corned Beef and Curry

The Junkanoo Brothers

Those of you that attend regularly will experience the Saturday night "Jam Band."

Feel?! There is no stinking fee!! Just come to the Commodore Perry and have fun! Shake off those winter blues!! Raffles for free Phlocking registrations and a variety of good "stuff." 6th annual Halfway Hold `Em Poker Tournament on Saturday morning/afternoon.

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms are reserved at the Commodore Perry in the name of the "Phlocking." Rates will be \$52 +/- for standard rooms and include a continental breakfast bar. Indoor pool, in-room internet access, and a fitness room. Please call either 419-732-2645 or 1-866-385-3101. Don't waste time – call today! In early January the block will be released and they are already experiencing a demand for rooms that weekend! The hotel sits immediately adjacent to the Jet Express boarding area in Port Clinton.

**Parrot Head Club of Tidewater invites you to Surrender the Booty for Alzheimer's: A Pirate's Ball**

**Saturday, February 6th, 2010, 6:30pm - 12:30am**

**Wyndham Oceanfront Resort , Virginia Beach, VA**

[www.phcot.com](http://www.phcot.com)

Costumes not mandatory but HIGHLY ENCOURAGED! Silent Auction – Live Auction, Grub and Grog

Live Music by: The Calypso Nuts, The TFC Band, Pirates of the Moody Crewe.

Pre-party-Friday, February 5, 2010 with live entertainment by Fins

Tickets \$15.00 ea for Friday, \$65.00 ea for Saturday or both nights for \$75.00

**Coastal Bend PHC presents "Luv & Luck", February 12, 13, 14, 2010**

**A special Valentine's Weekend Event Benefiting the Alzheimer's Association**

**Corpus Christi, Texas**

[www.cbphc.com](http://www.cbphc.com)

On Friday enjoy playing at our casino tables, then join us on Saturday for a Miniature Golf tournament with prizes, and dance the night away to a favorite Trop Rock band. Sunday morning it's a Breakfast Brunch from 9AM to Noon with a mimosa send off.

Our Host Hotel is:

Holiday Inn Sun Spree on Padre Island, Corpus Christi, Texas

Ask for the Shelly @ ext: 150, Direct 361-949-8041

Event registration is \$45.00 per person and includes: Goodie Bag, Collector's Event Badge, and event T-Shirt, Special Room rates available. There will also be a Miniature Golf Tournament entrance fees are \$10.00 for this portion of the event.

**Delaware Seashore PHC presents Tropical Icebreaker**

**Feb 27, 2010, 4 to 9pm, Mango Mike's, Bethany Beach, Delaware**

<http://www.delawareseashorephc.com/>

We are bringing back Jimmy G on the steel drums and Jimmy & the Parrots.

\$45.00 includes a Tropical Buffett and one free drink.

We will be raising money for the Friends of Cape Henelopen State Park.

Last year's party was great fun with hours of music, plenty of food, great drinks and exuberant phun. Please come enjoy & join us!

For tickets send money & a SASE to:

Bruce Wright 2 Bridle Ridge Circle Lewes, De. 19958

For info contact: [BRUCEWRIGHT@MCHSI.COM](mailto:BRUCEWRIGHT@MCHSI.COM) or call (302) 644-6557

## **Parrot Heads in Natural Settings (PHINS) Gumbo Cook Off**

**March 12, 2010, Jacksonville, FL**

Open to anyone that wants to compete. Registration fee to participate. For more info. please visit our website: [www.phinsjax.org](http://www.phinsjax.org)

## **Central Texas PHC presents** **7h Annual Pirate's Ball** **April 9, 10 & 11, 2010** **Austin, TX**

[www.ctxphc.com](http://www.ctxphc.com)

Online registration at [http://www.ctxphc.com/Event\\_PB2010.asp](http://www.ctxphc.com/Event_PB2010.asp). Registration is \$60 for the entire event! Yo ho, yo ho, a pirates' life for me! Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Registration fee includes admission plus:

- \*\* Friday Night Warm-Up with Live Music Bob Karwin\*\*
- \*\* Saturday Afternoon Pool Party with Jerry Diaz \*\*
- \*\* Saturday night Ball with Boat Drunks\*\*
- \*\* Sunday Farewell Brunch \*\*

Proceed benefit the Austin SafePlace - A Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center  
Overnight guests contact:  
The Wyndham Gardens Hotel  
3401 South IH35  
Austin, Texas  
(512) 448-2444

Ask for the Parrothead Rate of \$109 per night  
<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/AUSWC/main.wnt>

Fins Up!  
Robin Millings  
Head Fruitcake  
Central Texas Parrot Head Club  
Austin, Texas

## **Panama City Parrot Head Club presents**

**5th Annual Parrot Head Rendezvous**

**"A Beach Crawl to Phun"**

**Panama City Beach, FL**



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We look forward to seeing everyone at the State of the Phlock meeting at Longshotz on January 21, 2010.

Teresa Bird  
NCPHC Secretary &  
Social Director