TRADEWIND TIMES

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Charlene Gingrow, Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK …

Well gang yet another year has come and almost gone and, as many Parrot Heads have done for the past 21 years, we send our coconut bras and grass skirts to the cleaners, pack our bags and head to Meeting of the Minds. This year, as in years past, we have a GREAT convention planned for you and I would like to thank the team that has worked so hard for the past year planning everything.

It may seem to the casual observer or to some of us that have never been involved in planning such a large scale event, pulling off a MOTM wouldn't be that tough, right? All you have to do is call the hotel and reserve rooms, call a few Trop-Rock artists and book'em, order T-Shirts, make event badges and you're done. WELL, actually it's just a wee bit tougher than that.

Like I alluded to above, it takes well over a year to put this 4 day event together, and right now, before MOTM 2012 even starts, work is already well under way for MOTM 2013. I won't bore you with the details, but headliner act contracts need to be tentatively agreed to, permits with the City of Key West need to be filed, formal contracts with the hotel need to be signed, stage, power, lighting & sound need to be arranged, the street party planned, the Leader's brunch locked down, police & EMT services arranged, tents, barricades, port-a-potties as well as a myriad of other functions and things you'd never notice contracted for, and here's my favorite part … ALL done not knowing exactly what your budget might be or how well the best laid plans of mice or men will be received by the Parrot Head masses until the schedule is finalized and announced and the quality feedback from the Parrot Head Nation starts pouring in, which is AWESOME and what we need. We do want to thank everyone who took the time to give your planning team some constructive thoughts. I can assure you each and every bit of input is/will be considered and though there wasn't much we could do or change this year due to contractual obligations, in 2013 we will do our best to incorporate as many of your suggestions as we can, especially when it comes to entertainment.

But I have to tell you, as with everything else these days, the costs for MOTM are rising. The band expenses have risen and rightfully so. Cost for fees, equipment rentals, stage, lighting & sound have also all gone up, as has just about everything MOTM does or provides - increased costs we have been able to absorb to date.

So I guess I said all that to say this. To pay all the bills and meet our future needs, support the artists we love, and meet everything you all have told us you expect at your annual convention, next year's registration fee will need to be raised from $75.00 to $90.00 per person.

Now I know some may not be happy with this increase but I would like to remind everyone it has been almost 10 years since our last increase. I can also assure everyone this decision was not an easy one or made lightly or without a great deal of thought or just because we can. It was made based on extensive research and cost models considering all the things you've come to expect from MOTM and the things you've told us you want. It was made not just based on 2013 but based on our out years projected costs.

Folks I can assure you, everyone involved with the planning and execution of MOTM does it for one reason and one reason only, to give you the best time in Key West we can possibly provide.

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As always we appreciate your support and understanding and look forward to an AWESOME MOTM 2012, 2013 and beyond.

FINS UP everyone and hope to see you down island SOON …

Papa

2012-2013 PHiP President

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2013 PHC Annual Renewal Check List ...

Ladies & Gentlemen ...

Annual Renewal packets will go out on December 15th. As always, these are due beginning January 1st and will be considered delinquent, and penalties will apply if not postmarked by January 31, 2013. If you do not intend to renew your charter, please advise at your earliest convenience.

A few reminders, if you will:

- Every chapter must have a functional website as a condition of sanctioning, excepting those less than 180 days old.
- Every chapter is required to have at least one person subscribed to the Club Leaders List as a condition of sanctioning.
- Please remember to sign your Renewal Application ... Unsigned applications will be returned for signature.
- You will receive an acknowledgement upon receipt of your Annual Renewal ... Please retain this receipt in case of error.

* Please remember to report your annual total of dollars raised and/or donated AND man-hours contributed to environmental and/or philanthropic endeavors.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Regional Communicator or this office at phipmembership@mail.com

If you have not received your Annual Renewal packet by January 1, please contact this office straightaway.

Finally, please do not wait till the last minute ... Anything can happen and operating on "island time" is inappropriate in this situation.

Happy Holidays, my friends, and Best Wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2013!

Bob Heffelfinger

Director of Membership

What is a Parrot Head?

Submitted to the Club Leader's List By
Carol Ewald, President
Santa Barbara Parrot Head Club 2009

They never fail to ask when we appear in mass,

What makes you wear those crazy clothes and imitate an ass?

The answer isn't simple, but then again it is,

It's really just a frame of mind around Jimmy Buffett's biz.

It's sitting in a traffic jam and picturing a beach,

A far off island in the sea that's just beyond your reach,

A flowered shirt, a crazy hat, a cheeseburger in your hand

A beach chair at an awesome park with a Trop-Rock music band.

By day we may be doctors and lawyers and don a 3-piece suit.

By night the margaritas flow and grass skirts look so cute,

With sailing songs and steel drum beats the stress can melt away,

And if you haven't tried it, don't knock it, as they always say.

We celebrate the pirate life, the hula girls and rum,

A bunch of crazy drinkin' folk we have been called by some.

Dancing barefoot, squeezing limes, it is a tropical circus,

But hold the bashing and keep in mind, we Party with a Purpose.

So welcome to this phlocking - we hope that you'll be kind.

Beyond the beaks and feathers you'll certainly no doubt find

The greatest bunch of people that take charity to heart,

That welcomes anyone with the urge to play a part.

Fins Up Everybody!

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Consideration for article submission, contact: Charley Gingrow at Qnofsmwrhot@yahoo.com

Parrot Head Clubs Celebrating Birthdays This Quarter...

OCTOBER

Los Angeles PHC
Orange County PHC
Lake Havasu PHC
Barefoot Children of FLL
Ocala PHC
Chicago PHC
Clinton County PHC
PHs in Michiana
PHs of the Lower Ohio Valley
Buckeye PHC
Simply Complicated PHC
Rappahannock Area PHC
Pirates in the Harbour
Waterloo Region PHC

NOVEMBER

Left Coast PHC
PHs of Pensacola
Southwest Florida PHC
PHs of the Riverbend
PHC of Maine
Detroit PHC
St. MinneSomePlace PHC
PHC of Billings
Greater Dayton PHC
PHs in Amish Paradise
Republic of Texas PHC
Seguin PHC
PHs of the Blue Ridge
Chippewa Valley PHC

DECEMBER

Treasure Coast PHC
Phlockers on the Suwannee

Sun Valley PHC
Quad City PHC
Pelican Coast PHC
Corn Republic PHC
Northern Shores PHC
Five O'Clock Phlock
Galveston Bay PHC
One Particular Harbor
PHs of Port Aransas
PHs of Eastern Washington
Mountaineer PHC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARROT HEADS !!

PHIP NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

It has been my pleasure to serve as the 2012 PHiP Election Chair.

I want to thank all of you that took part in the election either as a candidate or a club contact. I truly hope that those of you that didn't vote this year take the small amount of time necessary to familiarize yourself with the candidates and cast your ballot in next year's election.

The votes are in and it is my pleasure to announce, and congratulate, the

2013 - 2014 PHiP Officers, who will take office on January 1, 2013.

VICE PRESIDENT – Andy Harrell

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – Charlene Schultheis

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP – Bob Heffelfinger

Joanna Auiler

Joanna Auiler

2012 PHiP Elections Officer

Editor's Note:

The PHIP Board of Directors would like to thank Joann Auiler for volunteering to serve as the 2012 PHIP National Board Of Directors Elections Officer. Her dedication and completion of her task was apparent. It is our belief that volunteers like Joanna are the lifeblood of this organization.

We would also like to thank everyone who ran for office & was a candidate in this election.

It isn't always an easy decision to step up and volunteer to aid in the day to day operations of this wonderful organization. All the candidates are to be commended for their willingness to see PHIP thrive & continue to grow in the future!

Win A Trip For 2 To The Margaritaville Beach Hotel ! All Proceeds Donated To Bahama Village Music Program

Welcome to the 21st Annual Meeting Of The Minds in Key West. Twenty-one and counting we hope, inspired by this year's Another Trip Around The Sun theme. For over 2 decades faithful PHlockers have gathered for the Parrot Head pilgrimage and now that the MOTM is of legal age, we're offering the chance to win a 4 Day / 3 Night stay for two at the Margaritaville Beach Hotel on Pensacola Beach, FL.

It's a presidential election year and in classic Thank You Sir May I Have Another fashion, Jimmy would typically throw his hat into the ring in yet another attempt to be the leader of the free world. But this election cycle will just have to spin on it's own. Dump the democrats, rue the republicans, ignore the independents, take a weekend off to "celebrate what you should have done with these souvenirs of your trip around the sun!" And speaking of souvenirs, you may be able to take home some great ones from this year's MOTM. No trip to Key West would be complete without an opportunity to help, an opening for generosity, an offer to win a vacation package or other great prizes.

The Margaritaville Store will be selling raffle tickets to benefit the Bahama Village Music Program, a vital program whose mission is to provide quality music education to children who would otherwise not have access to private music instruction. Raffle tickets will be available at the Margaritaville Store starting on Wednesday, October 31 through Friday at 2PM. 1 for $5 or 5 for $20. The winning tickets will be drawn from the Street Fair Stage at 3PM. You need not be present to win. A $5 investment could win you hundreds.

You've done the hokey-pokey, participated in look-alike, sound-alike, act-alike contests, created drinks, ran for King/ Queen of Somewhere Hot, Mayor for a day and more. This time, take the weekend off. Bring your laminate & lawn chair, and leave a liter of blood - we'll be waiting for you.

Winner will receive a 4 Day / 3 Night Stay at The Margaritaville Beach Hotel in Pensacola Beach The beachfront hotel features 'barefoot elegance' with 162 newly appointed guest rooms on over 800 feet of gulf-front property. An additional 800 feet overlooks the bay.

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The Bahama Village Music Program is more than just an educational institution, our program creates a great sense of community spirit and pride, fosters important mentor relationships between local teenage musicians and their students, encourages parent participation, and enhances student's self-esteem

PHiP Alzheimer's National Team Reminder

Walk Season is here…

Please make sure that your club's donations were recorded on the PHiP National Team roster.

Even if you are not walking for Alzheimer's, please make sure that your local Alzheimer's Chapter Representative has recorded your donations to Alzheimer's as part of our National Team standings.

If you are unsure about your donation being recorded, please feel free to email Qnofsmwrhot@yahoo.com and ask.

As of this writing, we are halfway to our goal of $100,000.

PHIP would like to personally thank all of our clubs who chose Alzheimer's as one of their charities.

Recently in the news there has been advances in getting closer to indentifying the cause and drug therapies that have slowed down the disease progression.

In 1994, Jimmy's Buffett's father, James Delaney Buffett, Jr. was stricken with Alzheimer's. Our PHiP chapters not only support Alzheimer's to honor Jimmy's father but because we're seeing this devastating plague insinuate itself into our own ranks.

It is because of your club's efforts and dedication that many advances to end Alzheimer's have been made years later.

THANK YOU PHIP NATIONAL TEAM!!

Parrot Heads In Paradise Financials

Financials Contributed By:

Charlene Schultheis, PHiP Treasurer

Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement- - General Fund YTD as of September 30, 2012

Income:

Balance 12.31.11	$2,997
Membership/Handbooks-CD	$31,028
Transfer from MM	$10,341
Total Income	$44,366

Expense:

Background check	$170
Bank Fee-Check Printing	$29
Board Meeting/Meetings	$6,178
Conference Calls	$848
Director & Office Insurance	$2,310
Embassy Suites - Deposit F2F	$500
Filing Fee	$45
IRS	$13
Office Supplies	$964
Postage/Printing	$1,718
Rob O'Neal Support Trust Fund	$500
Scholarship	$10,341
Summit (Alzheimer's)	$1,660
Web Site	$1,099
Total Expenses	$26,376

Ending Balance: $17,990

Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement— Relationship Savings YTD as of Sept. 30, 2012

Income:

Balance 12.31.11	$45,071
Interest	49
Transfer of Certificate of Deposit	$20,732
Total Income	$65,852

Ending Balance: $65,852

Parrot Heads in Paradise Financial Statement- Money Market (MOTM) YTD as of September 30, 2012

Income:		
	Balance 12.31.11	$66,455
	Interest	$67
	Transfer from MOTM Checking	
	Total Income	$66,522
Expense:		
	Total Expense	0
Ending Balance:		$66,522

Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement-Scholarship YTD as of September 30, 2012

Income:		
	Balance 12.31.11	13,380
	Credit Card Partner	1,656
	Interest	13
	Transfer from MOTM Checking	6,080
	Total Income	21,129
Expense:		
	Transfer into General Checking	341
	Transfer into General Checking	10,000
	Total Expenses	10,341
Ending Balance:		$10,788

PARROT HEADS IN PARADISE FINANCIALS

Parrot Heads In Paradise, Inc. Financial Statement

MOTM YTD as of Sept. 30, 2012

Income:		
	Balance 12.31.11	$23,958
	Advertising	$6,425
	Mini-Mart	$3,800
	Registration	$184,704
	Sponsorship	$25,875
	Total Income	$244,762
Expenses:		
	Bee's Honey Pots	$1,350
	Care Ambulance	$900
	Charity (Newsletter-2011)	$100
	Casa Marina (Deposit)	$20,000
	Conch Republic Seafood Co. (Deposit)	$1,200
	Entertainment	$1,852
	Florida Keys Group Transportation	$14,544
	Four Star Rental Inc	$2,658
	Historic Tours of America	$700
	Keyboard Advertising Specialties	$293
	Namify	$4,000
	Office Supplies	$326
	Postage/Printing	$291
	Refund	$488
	Registration Visa/MC Fees	$5,587
	Rob O'Neal	$500
	Site Visit	$2,359
	TBA Communications	$856
	Tech-Tronics Productions	$15,674
	Transfer to Scholarship	$6,080
	Transportation/Shipping	$3,581
	Total Expense	$83,337
Ending Balance:		$161,425

Domino College Dean's List

FINS WAY UP FOR YOUR EFFORTS !!

Arizona PHC
Atlanta PHC
Barefoot Children PHC
Baton Rouge PHC
Black Diamond PHC
Blue Hen PHC
Buckeye PHC
Cedar Creek Lake PHC
Central Oklahoma PHA
Central Illinois PHC
Central Texas PHC
Charlotte Harbor PHC
Chicago PHC
Cincinnati PHC
Coastal Jersey PHC
Coast of Carolina PHC
Corn Republic PHC
Delaware Seashore PHC
Detroit PHC
Eastern Bay PHC
Emerald Isle PHC
Fins of the Valley PHC
Galveston Bay PHC
Hamilton PHC
Hanover Area PHS
Hattiesburgers in Paradise PHC
Hillbilly PHC
Isle of Iowa PHC
Jersey Shore PHC
Kansas City PHC
Key NorthWest PHs
Lake Michigan Landsharks
Lakes Area PHs
Las Vegas PHC
Lone Star PHC
Los Angeles PHC
Lowcountry PHC
Memphis PHC
Miami PHC
Midwest Indiana PHC
Milwaukee Area PHA
Nature Coast PHs
New Hampshire PHC
New Orleans PHC
North Central Illinois PHC
North Central Texas PHC
North Coast PHC
Northwest Arkansas PHC
Northwest Indiana PHC
Ocean City PHC
Ol' South PHC
Orange County PHC
Ozark Mountain PHs
Palmetto PHC
Panama City PHC
Panhandle Prairie Sharks
Pelican Coast PHC
PHC of Charlotte
PHC of Connecticut
PHC of Richmond
PHs of North Carolina
PHs for the Palm Beaches
Phs in Amish Paradise
PHs in Michiana
PHs in Natural Settings (PHINS)
PHs in Niagara South
PHs of North Carolina
PHs of Port Aransas
PHs of the Puget Sound
PHs of the Triad
PHC of Tidewater
Pickwick PHC
PHINdy PHC
Phlock of South Jersey
PHs for the Palm Beaches
Pirates of the Plains
Pirates on the Water PHC
Pleasure Island PHC
Republic of Texas PHC
River Bend PHC
San Antonio PHC
San Diego PHC
Sandlapper PHC
Saskatoon PHC
Savannah PHC
Seguin PHC
Smoky Mountain PHC
Southern Idaho PHC
Southwest Michigan PHC
Space Coast PHC
Tallahassee PHC
Tampa Bay PHC
Toes in the Water PHC
Towns Around Biloxi PHC
Western Massachusetts PHC
Western North Carolina PHC
Youngstown PHC

DC DISCLAIMER: IF your club was omitted from Domino College this quarter, please do not send us angry letters. Things happen. Emails get misplaced or not received at all. Just let us know by sending an email to the TWT Editor. and placing Domino College in the subject line. We'll add you in the next quarter. Thank you in advance for your understanding and remembering we are all volunteers.

THE 21st ANNUAL

Meeting Of The Minds

"ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN" - NOV. 1- 4, 2012, Key West Florida

This year we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our sponsors and solicit your support for ALL of the folks who have stepped up to make this a great party.

We'd like to start with the Casa Marina, our Host Hotel; it is always a wonderful place to be. The Chef has been busy working on new items for a special menu using the NEW Margaritaville Marinades and Sauces. Be sure to try them all and let us know which one was your favorite.

Take time TODAY to book your trip with TROPIC OCEAN AIRWAY and enjoy the sightseeing ride around the islands with Rob Ceravolo. Book your trip now at 800-767-0897 or email reservations@flytropic.com to see the keys as you have never seen them before.

And while you are booking things in advance, order your Key West Bar Card by going to the MOTM page on the phip website, click on MOTM Deals & Discounts!! You you will enjoy discounted drinks all over Key West.

Our always faithful Sponsors, Margaritaville Spirits and Landshark are back with us. I can't imagine trying to throw this party without their support. Margaritaville Spirits will be bringing four flavors of their ready to drink, Skinny Margarita, Skinny Island Punch, Classic Mojito, and Passion Fruit Margarita.

There will be plenty of Rum (four flavors of that as well) and Tequila in specials at the Casa Marina Bars. Landshark will be available everywhere for all you beer lovers and you should try it with a shot of Margaritaville Tequila, aka A Loaded Landshark. Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka is back for the fourth year with a special something in your goody bag and will be doing sampling in the Registration Area on Thursday.

Also in the Registration area on Thursday will be two of our newest sponsors, Midnight Moon Moonshine and Ye Ol' Grog. Midnight Moon Moonshine made with the Jr. Johnson of NASCAR fame family recipe and is hand made in a small copper pot still in Madison, North Carolina and bottled in Mason Jars just like the traditional shiners used. They will be featuring Apple Pie, Cherry and BlueBerry shine, and CatDaddy – both the Cherry and the Blueberry have fruit in the jars. Distilled at 100 proof – our motto is "respect the fruit". www.piedmontdistillers.com. Yarrrrr! Ye Ol' Distillery is bringing it to Meeting of the Minds! It's time for a spirit that represents your attitude and gives you a sense of camaraderie, but doesn't stop there. Get ready for some fun that tastes damn good. Come on folks. It's time to get your Grog on! What is this libation of which we speak?

It is Good Morning Glory Grog and Dutch Harbor Breeze Grog." Grog represents many different alcoholic beverages throughout the world and has been made many ways, by many a barkeep. This Grog is not rum, whiskey, vodka, or liqueur, but rather a specialty spirit. WooHoo!! We have sponsors that want us to sample their product, so come thirsty! We will have feature drinks with all of them, and these products will be for sale at the store in the Casa Marina Hotel. Plan to take some home for the Holidays. They will make great hostess gifts or just have them on hand to enjoy with friends ... CHEERS!

At the Casa Marina Bars, the Bloody Marys will be made with Square One Organic Spirits, why settle for a blah Bloody Mary to wake you up in the morning – add a splash of our US made organic Cucumber or Basil for that little kick – Idaho made from 100% Rye – a delicious garden in a bottle squareoneorganicspirits.com and Whiskey Willy's Bloody Mary Mix. They will be on special during the event, so be sure and try one. And for the special folks on your list there is Lime Design, back for their fourth year, and their rimmers are really tasty. If you haven't tried them, be sure and stop by. It is an awesome addition to most drinks as well as a great hostess gift or stocking stuffer!

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Thursday, in the registration area Margaritaville Foods will be passing out different varieties of Chips and Salsas. And on Saturday outside at the Beach Party, they will be sampling their newest Holiday Products. Watch for bits and bites of Turkey and Ham and who knows what else will be available as they are adding items almost every month now. Take note that they have a Foods Direct service so you can order and have it shipped straight to your house … pretty cool! More information about Margaritaville Foods Direct will be available at MOTM.

The newest addition to the Margaritaville Sponsor list is Parrot Head Sun Care. Look for their special tent out by the Sun Sun Bar and in the registration area with samples as well as items in the goody bags. Check out their ad in the Event guide to see all of their products and feel free to sample them all.

Keep your radios tuned to Radio Margaritaville to enjoy all of your favorite musicians when not hanging out at a local bar and don't forget to check out all the fun stuff at the Key West Margaritaville Store where they have a special commemorative shirt for us again this year! Very cool, indeed!

books, all are Buffettesque and are about places and things you know. It's required Parrot Head reading! All are very different! Look for the "Meet the Authors" banner and make sure you catch all four of them … John Cunningham, Chip Bell, Andy Forsyth, and David Kindopp.

Meet the Musicians has moved back to the Registration Area and the schedule will be in the Event guide so be sure you check it out. One of the Coral Reefers will be there too and you won't want to miss some of the new entertainers that are there this year. Steve Tolliver with the Trop Rock Junkies will be there from 11-1 on Thursday celebrating their MOTM Bronze Sponsorship, stop by for their new CD!

Our newest MOTM Gold Sponsor is Living Like a Pirate. Dave Ladage has been at many events across the states and is very good at giving back. So take time to check out all of his latest stuff in the Mini Mart and say a Special Thanks for helping put this party on. For that matter, say thanks to all the sponsors and vendors. Without their generous sponsorships, there would be no party!

We welcome Blenheim Ginger Ale Company as our Sponsor for the Friday Night Beach Party this year. The earliest, smallest and many say finest, independent soda bottling company in the United States of America.

Good Ole' Blenheim Ginger Ale began being bottled in 1903. We recommend you try some where it's available!!

Last but certainly not least, especially in the Parrot Head World, because what would a Parrot Head Party be without bars???? Alas, we have Bar Sponsors again this year and they will be featuring drink specials from all of our sponsors and live entertainment from some of your favorite Trop Rock performers. So check out the goings on at The Green Parrot, Island Dogs Bar, Hog's Breath, Schooner Wharf, Conch Republic Seafood Company, Smokin' Tuna and The Rum Barrel this year. One Bar that we haven't mentioned in years past, that has been a part of MOTM from the beginning, is Tropical Isle in New Orleans. Pam Fortner and Earl Bernhardt have supported this organization from DAY ONE. When & if you find yourself in New Orleans, be sure to stop in for a HAND GRENADE and enjoy one of the most Parrot Head friendly venues in the country.

PLEASE, remember to show your support to all of our participating sponsors. We couldn't do this without them.

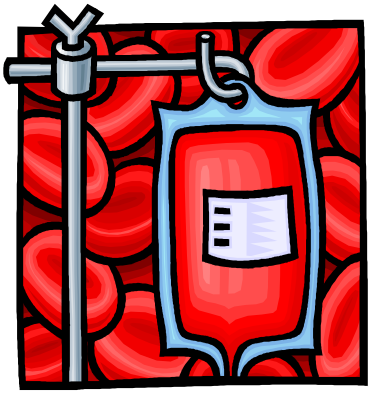
And speaking of that, we couldn't do it without ALL of you either. Thanks for registering, attending, volunteering and having fun.

We'd also like to Thank Andrew Talbert and his committees for putting together this spectacular event. We hope to see all of you there!

It is going to be a year to remember and *Another Trip Around The Sun* for the memory books!

THANK YOU 2012 SPONSORS FOR MAKING "ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN" POSSIBLE!!

We Host The Party!!
Sometimes There's A Purpose!!
Please Remember To Support Our Purposes ...



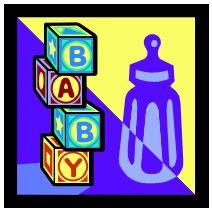
Blood Drive:

From Wikipedia, "A random act of kindness is a selfless act performed by a person or people wishing to either assist or cheer up an individual person or people." Is there any better way to perform "a random act of kindness" than to "Give the Gift of Life" by donating blood? Rarely when we make a blood donation do we know who the donation will help, just some unknown individual in possibly in a life or death situation, the ultimate random act of kindness!

When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. One random act of kindness can save up to THREE lives! Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood. Three gallons of blood are needed in the U.S. every minute! Someone needs blood every three seconds! There is no viable substitution for blood! If you made an appointment, please remember to keep it!

MOTM registered PHiP members are one of the largest contributors of blood donations while in the Florida Keys!!

Wesley House :



Once again we will be accepting cash donations for our friends at Wesley House.

Look for the great big baby bottle in the registration area. Wesley House provides numerous child-care services to the needy families of the Keys. Wesley House has been a benefactor and a friend of "The Meeting of the Minds" since the event arrived in Key West many moons ago.

Toy Drive:

This will be our fifth year supporting the Salvation Army of Monroe County, benefiting the children of Monroe County including Key West. Please bring an unwrapped toy (don't forget batteries if needed).

Age groups requested are infant-toddler and teenagers. Collection boxes will in the registration area. If you are driving down the Keys, stop at the Homestead Wal-Mart or the Key West or Marathon K-Mart to pick up toys or school supplies.

Raffle Tickets:

Raffle Tickets For Sale!!

We'll be selling Raffle Tickets for both the PHiP Scholarship Raffle (sold at a table in the Registration Area) as well as our PHiP Raffle Tickets that benefit PHiP charities! Look for the PHiP Raffle Tickets being Sold out & about on the Casa Property!

BOTH Raffles result in the winners taking home so very nice prizes!! Check your MOTM Convention Guide Schedule pages for drawing times!! You must pick up your prize by 9 pm on Nov. 3rd, 2012.

GOOD LUCK all you ticket purchasers!!

MOTM BREAK OUT SCHEDULE

Meeting of the Minds offers you the chance to attend our Break-Out Sessions available on Thursday, November 1st, 2012.

There's much to be learned as well as shared at these meetings and you usually walk away with answers to those questions about how to run a club that have bothered you so.

Thursday, November 1st

11:00a-12:00p ... Breakout Session-Club Treasurer's Meeting Tarpon Room #245 Located in the Main Casa Building

1:30p - 2:30p ... Breakout Session-New Clubs/New Leader's Meeting Tarpon Room #245 Located in the Main Casa Building

2:45p - 3:30p ... Breakout Session -Incorporation & IRS Status Explained Tarpon Room #245 Located in the Main Casa Building

The Incorporation and IRS Status Explained Break Out is anticipated to be very popular so please get there early.

GOLDEN COCONUT AWARD AND PHIP NEWSLETTER CONTESTS WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING MOTM!

- **Newsletter Contests Winners TBA During the Club Leader's Brunch on Friday, Nov 3, 2012.**
- **The Golden Coconut To Be Awarded, Saturday morning, November 3, 2012 at the PHiP General Meeting.**

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED !!

THE 2012 MEETING OF THEMINDS MINI MART PREVIEW by Pege Wright

Well, this is my 10th year with the Mini Mart and every year it gets better and better, even if I do say so myself … not really, that is the general consensus from all of y'all.

The Grand Ballroom, just inside the front doors of the Casa Marina will once again be a beehive of activity. Stop in and shop after you get registered. There are lots of one of a kind items that you just have to have!

Some of your favorites returning this year are "The Wacky Parrot" always with great shirts, fun jewelry and accessories. Tom Corcoran and Tim Dorsey both have new books for you to buy and get autographed. And this year we have four authors that joined us as Sponsors and will share a space in the Mini Mart. Please check the Event Guide for their ads and schedules and plan to buy their books, all are Buffettesque and are about places and things you know…very good reading! All are very different! Look for the "Meet the Authors" banner and make sure you catch all four of them … John Cunningham, Chip Bell, Andy Forsyth, and David Kindopp.

Also in the Event Guide will be a schedule of when Lucy Buffett will be in the Mini Mart for autographs and pictures; she is so personable and fun and if you don't have her cookbook, be sure to get one or two as they make wonderful gifts and there are so many great recipes and fun conversations. It is much more than just a cookbook! Stop by to see the latest t shirts, sweat shirts and more from the Crazy Sista! You won't be sorry!

Back for his third year in the Mini Mart and our newest MOTM Gold Sponsor is Living Like a Pirate. Dave Ladage has been at many events across the states and we love having him in our Mini Mart … so take time to check out all of his latest Piratical stuff and say a Special Thanks for helping put this party on … for that matter, say thanks to all the sponsors and vendors. They make our party special.

Last year we emptied out the Bone Carver's inventory, and he assures me he is ready with lots of new stuff this year… Life's a Beach is back and features fun Tropical Gifts and will be sharing a space with Jeff Wieland … of Tropical Expressions 4U. His work is awesome and everyone will want one so be sure to bring your Christmas list.

Salada Designs featuring hand painted bar stools, trays, chairs, Lazy Susans and more. For a quick preview go to www.saladadesigns.com and if you are like me, you will have a hard time making up your mind as to what you are going to take home with you. I never could decide last year, so this year I get to buy two.

Hand carved Tiki Totems were quite popular last year from Tropiki, as well as their other handcrafted jewelry found at www.Tropikiwholesale.com . They will have lots of new items to tempt you with. Island Art and Treasures will be back again as well with lots of art, pictures of places you have been and or want to go, so pick up a few and let yourself be carried away.

Last but not least is our second new vendor this year, Poodle's Island Wear. She is from Greenville, N.C. and has loads of really cool stuff. Be sure to check your goody bag as there will be a discount coupon for you to use while at MOTM.

Onward and upward to the Keys Ballroom where you can get registered, buy Raffle tickets to both the General Raffle and the PHIP Scholarship Raffle, look at all of the Live Auction items and check out a few of our Sponsors that have things to share with you. As always, Sunny Jim, Jim Morris, Brent Burns and Trop Rock Music Association will be there. They will all have new CD's and merchandise for you to buy. Meet the Musicians has moved back to the Registration Area and the schedule will be in the Event guide so be sure you check it out. One of the Coral Reefers will be there too and you won't want to miss some of the new entertainers that are there this year. Steve Tolliver with the Trop Rock Junkies, a new sponsor this year, will be there from 11-1 on Thursday, stop by for their new CD!

See you soon and hope you enjoy shopping in the Mini Marts!!!

PARROT HEADS AND THE ZONTA CLUB OF KEY WEST 2012

As Parrot Heads from all over the country prepare for their sojourn to the annual Meeting of the Minds convention in Key West this year, they will be packing their spirit of "Party with a Purpose." In order to show our appreciation to the community of Key West, we host many fundraisers in support of local area charities to thank the community for their wonderful hospitality. One of the charities we support, and it has become one of the favorites, is the Zonta Club of Key West and their ABC 5K Walk/Run. This event raises money to cover mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women.

In 2006, Charlotte Skinner and Jenny Gagon along with some of their Parrot Head friends decided to "walk to Key West" (not literally) but in an imaginary way. They accumulated donations for the "miles" they would travel to arrive in Key West from their respective locations. The money they raised as a group was donated to the annual Zonta Club ABC 5K Walk/Run. The following year the Zonta Key West ABC 5K Walk/Run became an official charity event for our annual Meeting of the Minds convention. We organized a Team "Parrot Head" and have participated in the ABC 5K Walk/Run for the past 5 years.

Recently I spoke with Louanna Williams, Chair of the Zonta Key West Club ABC 5K Walk/Run. I asked her to share information about the annual Walk/Run and their relationship with Team "Parrot Head." Here is what Louanna shared with me:

"Zonta of Key West is so proud of our affiliation with the Parrot Heads for the past 5 years. In that time, the Parrot Heads have raised approximately $60,000 during our yearly ABC 5K Walk/Run which raises funds for free mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women in the Key West community. All profits each year go into supporting our mammogram program of which we are celebrating our 20th year. Each year we spend in excess of $35,000 in the community for mammograms. That is roughly 250 mammograms each year. We turn no woman away! The Parrot Head contribution throughout the past 5 years has paid for approximately 400 mammograms. We look forward to having yet another great year. We also sincerely appreciate the good deeds that the Parrot Heads perform in Key West during their MOTM convention. To show our support we have given incentives for registration, have great raffle prizes, and have planned our first "Parrot Head" cocktail party on October 30th to show our appreciation for your support. Join us in the fight against breast cancer. Thank you Parrot Heads – You truly are Angels in Tropical Shirts!!"

This year's Team "Parrot Head" will rally once again to raise funds and participate in the walk. Prizes will be given to the top three Parrot Head clubs that raise the most money and to the top individual Parrot Head raising the most money. To find out more about how you can take part in this year's Team "Parrot Head" 2012, please visit the following websites:

To register for Team "Parrot Head" 2012 by mail/PayPal.:

phip.com/MOTM_Zonta.asp

Registration is also available at the Casa Marina for Parrot Heads on November 1st from 9am - 4pm, on November 1st from 9am - 4pm, on Friday November 2nd at the Salute Restaurant from 4pm - 6pm and on the morning of the race.

Come join us, won't you ... Why in the world would you not ??

We are seeking volunteers to help us at the race registration table on Thursday at the Casa Marina. If you can help, please contact Susan Richardson at

teamph2012@aol.com

See you soon in Cayo Hueso …

Susan Richardson

Zonta Walk/Run Chair

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PHiP REGIONAL EVENTS

WHO: Pirates in the Harbour

WHAT: 3rd Annual Haunted Happening

WHEN: October 27th, 2012

WHERE: Sturgeon Bay, WI
BENEFITS: Local Pantries
MORE INFO: piratesintheharbour.com

WHO: New Hampshire PHC

WHAT: Christmas Wreath & Tree Sale

WHEN: December 1&2, 2012

WHERE: Bedford, NH
BENEFITS: Benefits Bedford Animal Rescue league
MORE INFO: www.nhphc.com

WHO: PHs of Central Florida

WHAT: Fruitcakes in the Alley

WHEN: January 25th – 27, 2013

WHERE: Altamonte Springs, FL
BENEFITS: Arthritis Foundation
MORE INFO: fruitcakesinthealey.com

WHO: Multi-Club Event

WHAT: Music on the Bay

WHEN: Feb 28th – March 3rd, 2013

WHERE: Tampa, FL

BENEFITS: Shriners Hospitals for Children
MORE INFO: www.musiconthebay.org

WHO: Atlanta PHC / NW Georgia PHC

WHAT: Sea Phlocking 2013

WHEN: Departs March 16, 2013
WHERE: Departs Port Canaveral

BENEFITS: Paint Georgia Pink
MORE INFO: www.3women2blame.com

WHO: PHC of Eastern MA

WHAT: 18th Annual New England PH Conv.

WHEN: March 1-3, 2012

WHERE: Mansfield, MA

BENEFITS: Multiple Charities

MORE INFO: www.phcoem.com/convention

WHO: Multi-Club Event

WHAT: Stars Fell On Alabama

WHEN: March 14th – 17th, 2013

WHERE: Orange Beach, AL

WHY: Benefits Multiple Charities
MORE INFO: www.starsfellonalabama.org

WHO: Central Oklahoma PH Association

WHAT: Punta Cana Vacation

WHEN: Begins April 6th, 2013

WHERE: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

MORE INFO: www.copa-nut.com/puntacana.htm

WHO: Savannah PHC

WHAT: 7th Annual Scavenger Hunt & Pub Crawl

WHEN: April 13, 2013

WHERE: Savannah, GA

BENEFITS: TBA
MORE INFO: www.savannahphc.com

WHO: Strange Birds of Little Rock

WHAT: Sharkstock 2013

WHEN: May31-June1. 2013

WHERE: Little Rock , AR

BENEFITS: Charities TBA
MORE INFO: www.sharkstock2013.com

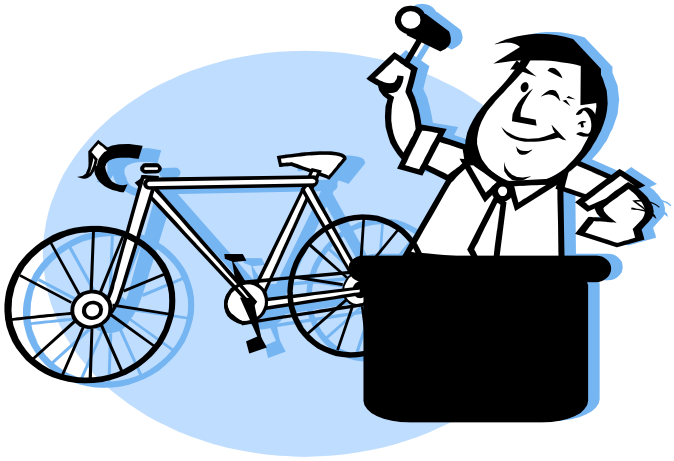
Are you missing out on advertising your party or event? Advertise your club's activities on your Regional Calendar by contacting your RC today!!

ONCE AGAIN THE PARADISE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE KEYS BALLROOM AT THE CASA MARINA RESORT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 11:00AM

WHILE YOU'RE LIVING ON ISLAND TIME, TAKE TIME TO DROP BY AND VIEW ALL THE WONDERFUL ITEMS JIMMY BUFFETT SO GRACIOUSLY DONATED AND AUTOGRAPHED!!

AUCTION ITEMS ON DISPLAY DURING THE CONVENTION …

CHECK YOUR CONVENTION GUIDE FOR VIEWING TIMES PRIOR TO THE PCF AUCTION ON SATURDAY.



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