



Heartland Lake Sharks Bytes

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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY PHLOCKING

Plan to join our Phun Holiday Phlocking on Sunday, December 9th from 3 to 6 pm on the back patio at Dock 633. Celebrate Christmas with your fellow Parrot Heads, Island Style! M² will entertain us with favorite trop rock and oldies tunes. Plan to wear your best Christmas in paradise attire. There will be a "Dirty Santa" game gift exchange, so bring a wrapped "fun" gift (gag gift, funny gift, homemade gift, embarrassing gift, you get the picture!) not to exceed \$10. There will also be a 50/50 drawing; trivia contest; guess the number of candy bars in the Christmas trees contest; and more Phun and surprises! Price of admission to help Manna Ministries is a breakfast box/bag filled with items like, cereal, oatmeal, non refrigerated milk, juice, pop tarts, breakfast bars, coffee, creamer, cocoa, tea, etc. Optional items like canned vegetables and/or spaghetti sauce are also needed.

Remember, this is the deadline for dropping off items for the Toy Drive. This promises to be a Phabulous holiday celebration, so come and join the Phun!



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 9TH

Our Toy Drive is going strong and you still have until December 9th to drop off **new, unwrapped toys and teen items** for the Heartland for Children's Rudolph Round-Up Holiday Toy Drive. This Toy Drive benefits local children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect and are in foster care located in Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties.

Drop off locations are Dock 633, 633 Lake June Road, 7 days a week; and Lake & Land Realty, 124 E. Interlake Blvd in Lake Placid, M~F; any parade float decorating sessions at the Howard's; or at our December 9th Christmas Phlocking. Thank you all for helping to make a child's holiday a bit more merry!



CHRISTMAS PARADES

Work continues on our Christmas Float. Thanks to all the Parrot Heads who signed up for construction, decorating and riding. This fun float will certainly reflect the Parrot Head lifestyle. We will participate in the Sebring parade on December 7 and the Lake Placid parade on December 8. Watch for our mascot (SHARK) disguised as Santa, the Parrot Head riders and our two Parrot Head walkers.

Come out, join the fun and cheer the gang on!

LakeShark Bytes

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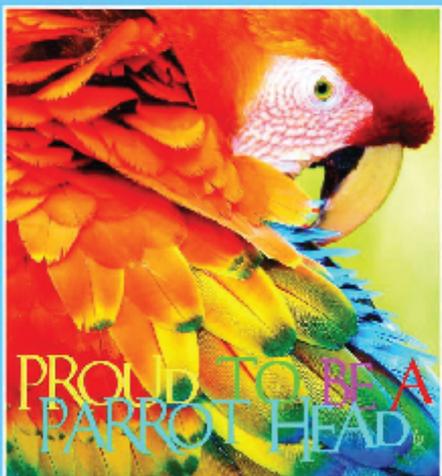
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BIRD BUSINESS

Want to know what's happening in "your club?" Have suggestions to share? Then come and join us at our next business meeting, 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 8 at the Mid-Florida Community Center, Stuart Ave., Lake Placid. We always welcome any new ideas to help with our future Parrot Head Club planning. Snacks and/or margaritas are always welcome. Board members who are unable to attend should contact John at jhoward7411@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Christmas and a Very Merry New Year, to all my fellow Parrot Heads! I am so proud of us for being awarded second place in the PHIP Newsletter Contest at Meeting of the Minds 2018 in Key West! Thank you to all who help me put it together every month. We (trop) rock! December is my favorite month and a wonderful time of year for giving to those less fortunate. As we celebrate the holidays, "Party with a Purpose" means even more. Everything the Heartland LakeSharks Parrot Head Club donates helps our local charities and is so appreciated. Thank you for always going above and beyond with your generous donations, everyone. Look for more recipes in this issue to help you enjoy your holiday season. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John at jhoward7411@gmail.com



Cheers, Trisha



MEETING OF THE MINDS 2018

Over 3000 Parrot Heads at the Casa Marina resort in Key West. My first thoughts were that this would be a crowded elbow to elbow venue. Not the case! The Casa is very large and the two stages were set up in different areas so that while one was being outfitted, we were being entertained at the other. Entertainment was nearly continuous with one of our favorite entertainers, Charlie Imes (and his band), starting things out Wednesday morning at the poolside stage. Throughout the set, he invited many other Trop Rock artists to jam on stage. Unbelievable talent here, and seeing how these musicians performed so well together unrehearsed. A real treat!

In the evenings, entertainment was provided on the main stage on the beach by the likes of Peter Mayer, Brenden Mayer, Mack McNally, with other Coral Reefers joining them throughout the sets. Speaking of Mack – he just scored his 10th Musician of the Year award at the 57th Annual CMA Awards. Go Mack!

Entertainment was of course not limited to the Casa. We wandered around (traveled aimlessly) throughout the island, dropping in to listen to live music and spending time at the street party arranged by PHIP.

I could go on, but anything I say would not do justice to this great event. Amy and I are definitely planning a return visit in 2019 and will be the first online to snag tickets. We hope to see the LakeSharks numbers increase in 2019. If you would like to learn more, then catch up with Sherida, Allen, Amy or me at the Christmas Phlocking (by then the stories will get even better). Enjoy the pictures.

John



LAKESHARKS NEWSLETTER WINS AWARD AT MEETING OF THE MINDS 2018

For those who might have missed it, our LakeSharks Bytes newsletter took home second place in the newsletter contest at Meeting of the Minds. With over 130 Parrot Head clubs internationally, this is a great achievement. One of the things that make this award special is that our submittal represents the quality newsletter that our Parrot Head volunteers put together month-after-month.

Thanks to all who work so hard to produce it and to those who contribute to the content. Thanks also to Sherida and Allen who stayed behind in Key West an additional day to attend the presentation and receive our certificate.

With this award, PHIP will donate \$200 to Redlands Christian Migrant Association. RCMA provides quality child care and early education for children of migrant farm workers and rural, low-income families throughout Florida.

John



DECEMBER PARROT HEAD BIRTHDAYS

Jay Sockwell 4
Tito Rivero 21

TRIVIA CONTEST

This question will be asked at the Phlocking and you'll have the answer ready to win.

Q: In the lyrics of the song "Boat Drinks," where is it that Jimmy needs to escape to?
A: St. Somewhere



BUFFETT SCHEDULE

Want to know where to go to see our favorite entertainer in concert? Just visit Jimmy's official website at :

<https://www.margaritaville.com>





PEPPERONI FOOTBALL CHEESE BALL

This will score big at your next football game watch.

Ingredients

- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 8 oz. finely shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 c. shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 - 5 oz. bags mini pepperoni slices, divided
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 c. chopped, cooked bacon
- 1 - 4 oz. jar diced pimientos, drained and patted dry

Directions

Beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the Italian seasoning, mozzarella cheese, and Parmesan cheese, blending all together. Mix in half of the pepperoni slices, green onions, bacon, and pimientos. Line a small bowl with plastic wrap. Spoon cheese mixture into bowl. Press mixture into bowl so that it takes on the shape of the bowl. Use the ends of the plastic wrap to wrap up the cheese ball firmly. Transfer the wrapped cheese ball to a cutting board and use your hands to shape it into a football. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or no more than 48 hours. Remove the cheese ball from the fridge and cover with remaining pepperoni, pressing gently to adhere.

Serve with pretzels, bread sticks, crackers, pita chips, and veggies.



HOLIDAY SPIKED EGGNOG

I remember my Grandmother always making these at Christmastime.

Ingredients

- 1qt. container of eggnog
- 6 oz. of dark rum (or, to taste)
- Nutmeg garnish Cinnamon sticks

Directions

Mix eggnog and rum together and heat in a pan on the stove, or in the microwave. Pour into glass mugs and garnish with a dash of nutmeg and a Cinnamon stick.



HOLIDAY DIPPED PEPPERMINT OREOS

These Holiday Dipped Oreos make a festive Christmas display or gift.

Ingredients

- 2 packages peppermint Oreos
- 1 - 12 oz package white candy melts
- Sprinkles, assorted toppings and candies.

Directions

Cover your work surface with parchment paper. Set out sprinkles, toppings, and candies. Melt the candy coating according to package directions.

Dip the bottom of each Oreo into the coating and place on a two pronged dipping tool. Use a spoon to drizzle melted candy coating over the top of each Oreo.

Gently tap the tool until all excess coating has dripped off.

Scrape the bottom of the tool against the bowl before carefully placing Oreo on the parchment paper. Sprinkle on desired toppings. Let sit until coating has hardened.

2018 "Party with a Purpose"



PHC SECOND HALF DONATIONS

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

JUL "School Supplies" RCMA & LP Schools
 Need: Folders, filler paper, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, Kleenex, back-packs, notebooks, any school items.

Collected \$800 worth of school supplies!!

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AUG "R.C.M.A."
 Need: Diapers size 4,5,6,7, Unscented wipes, Pull-up training pants for boys and girls size 4 & 5, Construction paper in assorted colors, balls, Puzzles, dot-a-dot markers, Underwear, socks, shoes for boys and girls size 3,4,5,7

Collected \$985 worth of items!!

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SEP "Items for Barktoberfest in LP"
 Need: Quality dog & cat food, cat litter, leashes, collars, pet shampoo, flea/tick prevention, beds, blankets, toys, treats, pet crates.

Collected \$948 worth of pet items!!

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OCT "Toiletries for Vet's Ditty Bags"
 Need: Tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, body soap, liquid hand soap, nail clippers, shampoo & conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs, hand sanitizer, lotion, mouthwash, body/baby powder, small packages of treats, Kleenex, pens/notepads.

Collected \$525 worth of toiletries

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NOV "Toy Drive"
 Need: New unwrapped toys.

No Phlocking in November; however, the Toy Drive is on! See details on page 1.

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DEC "Manna Ministries"
 Need: Breakfast boxes/bags that contain items such as cereal, oatmeal, non refrigerated milk, juice, pop tarts, oatmeal, coffee, breakfast bars etc.

Or as an option canned vegetables & spaghetti sauce.

Note: = PHLOCKING DATES