



# Heartland LakeSharks Parrot Head Club

## ***The LakeShark Bytes Newsletter***

**January 2022**

### **A GREAT DECEMBER WITH MORE PHUN PLANNED FOR 2022**

Thanks to everyone who attended the December events and/or donated time, money and gifts for all the special community needs. The generosity of Parrot Heads is what makes us a great organization. Oh - and of course our "ability to party."

So, here is what we did in December:

- Attended the Sebring Christmas Parade with our float and tailgated with our riders on December 3rd
- Held our Members Only Holiday Phlocking on December 5th
- Transported our Christmas float to Lake Placid for their Christmas Parade on December 11th for more Phun, tailgating and float riding
- Delivered Advent Bags to Arc and Christmas presents to RCMA and to our four sponsored families from Highlands County Schools
- Visited RCMA to meet up with Santa and the kids

We keep rolling on in 2022. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- December 30 thru January 1 - The Mango Drop New Year's Eve Party - See page 7
- January 23rd Phlocking with John Patti entertaining See page 2
- January 28-30 Jungle-Rita-Ville - See page 8
- March 6 - Music on the Bay - See page 7
- March 12-19 - Bring Back the Magic cruise - See page 8
- May 29 - Parrot Head Palooza - See page 8
- June 16-19 - A1A Beach Bash - See page 6

Phins UP!

John

Cover picture by Amy Howard - Lauren at the December 5th Members Only Phlocking

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## JANUARY 23RD PHLOCKING

Please join us for the January 23rd Phlocking. We will be back at the Caddy Shack Bar and Grill located at 3122 Golfview Road in Sebring along with our good friend John Patti. Hopefully, John will still have some of his 2022 John Patti calendars available for sale. The Phun starts at 3PM and goes until 6PM. We are collecting donations for Heartland Horses to sponsor a horse or horses for 2022. This event is open to the public.



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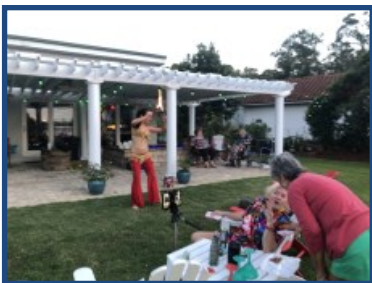
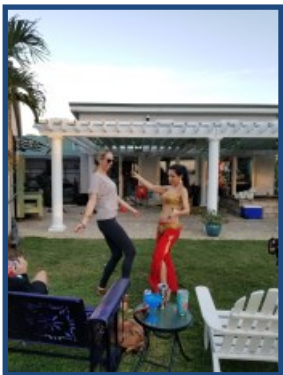
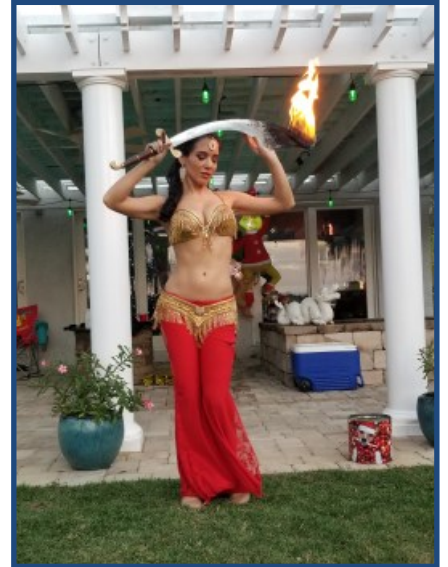


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## DECEMBER 5TH MEMBERS ONLY PHLOCKING RECAP

The weather was perfect, the entertainment was “Perfecter,” with music and stories by Sunny Jim and fire dancing by our own Lauren Cek. I actually looked up the word “perfecter” and it’s a real word! Thirty-some LakeSharks enjoyed the entertainment and the food from Hungry Howie’s, courtesy of the LakeSharks PHC. This was a laid back event where we all got to relax and enjoy the afternoon. Thanks all!





## BRIGHT AND MERRY

We started our December giving by delivering 5 giant Advent Bags to Arc located in Avon Park. Each bag went to a group home where 5 residents live and contained 25 wrapped and numbered gifts. Residents took turns opening a shareable gift each day leading up to Christmas. Gift examples: cookies, fresh fruit, Christmas cards & stamps, a board game etc. Many residents have no family nearby so this was a daily reminder that they were being thought of during this season. This benefited 30 individuals.



Then we delivered 1,500 pounds of food and water donations to the Heartland Food Bank. They were down to just a few bottles of needed water and were extremely happy to see us. Donations included lots of canned meat, vegetables and fruit too. A special thank you to those who helped with this project along with everything else. The Food Bank distributes to 42 food pantries in Highlands county and is very well organized.



Next up was our visit to RCMA with Santa (Gary Sexsmith) where children were able to meet Santa and give him their written wish list. Even teachers had their pictures taken with him and I saw one wish list that included "a husband" LOL! Santa had his work cut out. Each child had their picture taken with Santa for their parents and received a fun sticker. LakeSharks delivered 82 gifts for the teachers to give out later in the month so that every child received a present. There were even a few extra gifts for siblings.



## BRIGHT AND MERRY (CONTINUED)

Our big finale was delivering gifts to Highlands County Student Services for our four sponsored families. This benefited 19 children and 9 adults and included stockings for all children along with tooth brushes and toothpaste. Deliveries included family sized popcorn tins, gifts for the guardians, many, many presents and holiday dinners from Publix!!



A HUGE shoutout to our many donors of \$\$, Amazon cards, and those who sponsored specific children and in one case an entire family of six. A special thank you to those who stepped up to do the shopping and tons of wrapping (led by the Fabulous Flamingoes) and delivery. Some members even made sure that every family received dinner certificate's (turkey or ham) with the two biggest families receiving two dinners so that there would be leftovers. Each family had special circumstances and were referred to us via the schools social workers. Our holiday projects benefited 140 people plus many others who needed food. It takes a ton of time and money to complete all these endeavors but that's how we "Party with a Purpose." Ho, ho, ho.

Phins Up!

Amy, Barbara and Marilyn

### CHRISTMAS PARADE PICTURES

So where are all the pictures from the Sebring and Lake Placid Christmas Parades?

Well as most of you know, preparation of monthly newsletters does require a bit of Margarita support. The next morning as we were reviewing the results of our editing, we discovered our *terrible* mistake!

So in February, we will redeem ourselves! But for now, a thumbnail will have to do.





## BIRD BUSINESS

Would you like to know what's happening in "your club?" Have suggestions to share? Then come and join us at our next business meeting on January 11th. Beginning with this meeting, we have a new place and time.

The place: Sebring Regional Airport conference room.

The time: 12 Noon

We always welcome any new ideas to help with our future Parrot Head Club planning.



## BUFFETT SCHEDULE

Want to know where to go to see our favorite entertainer in concert? Just visit Jimmy's official website at :<https://www.jimmybuffett.com> or the Margaritaville website at: <https://www.margaritaville.com>

## PARROT HEAD PALOOZA

Mark your calendars for another LakeSharks "Migration". Memorial Day weekend May 28th & 29th 2022.

Capt. Hiram's Resort 1580 US Highway 1 Sebastian, FL 32958, 772-388-8588

Call Capt. Hiram's now to reserve the best rooms and mention "HEART" for special rates (Pet friendly) Questions? Amy at [ahoward7411@gmail.com](mailto:ahoward7411@gmail.com)

Sunday is the Parrot Head Palooza party starting at approximately 2:00 pm. Entertainment will be the "Caribbean Chillers."

As in the past, many of us will be checking in on Saturday and checking out on Monday; however, you can attend just the Sunday event if you prefer, and there is no cover charge.

## PHUN WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

**Just posted on the new PHIP YouTube channel!**

**Paul Overstreet with John Patti at Meeting of the Minds 2021 performing Diggin Up Bones. This song was cowritten by Paul Overstreet in 1983 and performed by Randy Travis.**

**As with many of Paul's live performances, he added a few alternate lyrics here, and for a finishing touch does the song "BB King Style" (about 4 1/2 minutes into the video.) [CLICK HERE](#) - You will smile!**

**Lastly, if you look at the history of the song, another co-writer was Al Gore! No - not the guy who invented the internet, but interesting trivia just the same. John Patti is however the same artist who will be performing for us at our January 23rd Phlocking.**



## BEACHES A1A BEACH BASH 2022

Registration is now open for the 26th annual Beaches A1A Beach bash. 2021 was the first year that LakeSharks migrated to the Bash and it was definitely a great event not to be missed. This event will sell out, so please register as soon as possible. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



## **DIRECT FROM THE MANGO DROP WEBSITE - 8 LAKESHARKS ALREADY SIGNED UP. PLEASE JOIN US DEC 30TH - JAN 1ST**

### **Let's Ring In The New Year together!**

Time to say goodbye to the old and welcome the new with hope, great music, dinner and dancing! Sunny Jim and his pals Donny Brewer and John Patti will be rockin' out and you can be out there tearing up the dance floor!

The Hotel Venezia in Venice will be the center of festivities. Our New Year's Eve Party will be held in the hotel's ballroom. The celebration will be spread out across three days with a welcome reception on arrival Dec 30, and breakfast and a beach Bar BQ on New Year's Day.

You can join us for the weekend, or just the New Year's Eve Party, tickets are available for both.

Sunny Jim's New Year's Eve Mango Drop

**Thurs, Dec 30 – Sat, Jan 1, 2022**

Hotel Venezia

425 U.S. 41 Bypass N.

Venice, FL

The hotel Venezia is offering a special discounted rate for people in our group, so check it out.

For more details visit our [website](#).



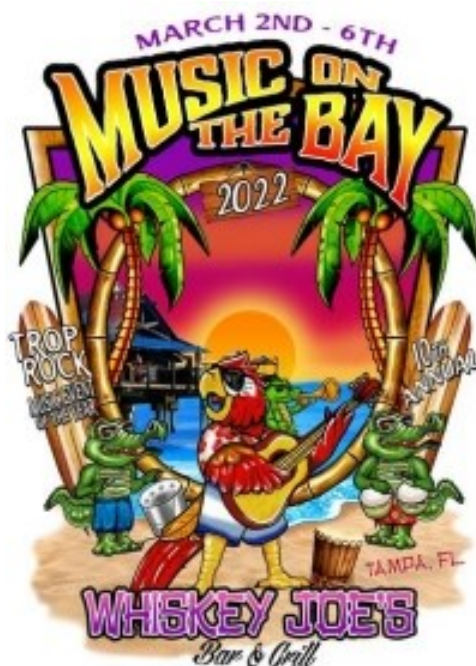
## **MUSIC ON THE BAY**

**March 2nd - March 6th, 2022**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN !**

Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach  
7720 W Courtney Campbell Causeway  
Tampa, Florida 33607

Info - Click on Logo



## BASKETS AND SPECIALTY ITEMS NEEDED FOR FUTURE RAFFLES, DRAWINGS AND PRIZES

HELP - We have openings in 2022 for baskets, raffles and specialty items to be donated for our members only drawings. Maybe you received items for the holidays that aren't quite your style...donate here! The basket raffle proceeds are how we pay for our entertainment. Have something to donate? Please contact Amy at [ahoward7411@gmail.com](mailto:ahoward7411@gmail.com) to reserve your month or to donate items! Thanks, everyone.

## JUNGLE-RITA-VILLE

Lets all migrate to Jungle-Rita-Ville! This migration is January 28-30, 2022 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Great entertainment and a riverboat cruise on the historic Jungle Queen. Click on the logo for all the registration information.



## WANT TO BECOME A LAKESHARK?

Send us an email and we will get you all the information. [lakesharksparrotheads@gmail.com](mailto:lakesharksparrotheads@gmail.com)

## HERE IS THE LATEST UPDATE FROM THE ATLANTA PARROT HEAD CLUB ON THE BRING BACK THE MAGIC CRUISE

There are already 305 Parrot Heads registered.

We are very excited about our extraordinary onboard entertainment lineup: **Peter Mayer, Brendan Mayer, Scott Kirby, Jim Asbell, Barefoot Reggie Starrett, Tall Paul and Kristie Bobal!**

Before we sail, the Atlanta PHC, along with Barefoot Children of Ft. Lauderdale and the Parrot Heads for the Palm Beaches, are hosting a Parrothead Cruise Bon Voyage party in Miami the night before we embark. The party is free and everyone is welcome to attend. The party will feature some of the above names performing along with **John Friday and Isabella Stefania**. See the website for details about the Bon Voyage Party too.

*The Parrothead Cruise is a Party with a Purpose: Parrothead Cruise 2022 Supports the Atlanta Parrot Head Club's Fight Against Breast Cancer. To date, the Parrothead Cruises have raised in excess of \$320,000 for our charities.*

We hope you join us! Fins up.

## LAKESHARKS T SHIRTS

So far, thirty LakeSharks have added these great T's to their formal wear wardrobe! Thank you Linda and Milt Ellison for managing the distribution. If you missed out on the offering, we did order extra shirts that will be available for sale to members at upcoming Phlockings.



## LAKESHARKS GOLF SHIRTS

We have a limited supply of Golf USA shirts embroidered with the club's name and available at Phlockings to club members while supplies last for \$30. Sizes S, M, L. (They run large.)





# 2021 Party with a Purpose Second Half Donations

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>JUL</b> "Heartland Food Bank" Need: Non perishable food items. (Peanut butter & jelly always needed) Heartland Food Bank supplies "42" food banks (We will collect these items at the August Phlocking)
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>AUG</b> "School Supplies" Need: Folders, filler paper, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, Kleenex, back-packs, notebooks, any school items. Items delivered to Highlands County School Board Student Activities to be used by the entire county's school system via social workers as needed. Collected 1,412 lbs. of food for the Heartland Food Bank and 184 lbs. of school supplies for Highlands Schools.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>SEP</b> "Items for Pawsitive Effects in LP" Need: Quality dog & cat food (Made in the USA), cat litter, leashes, collars, pet shampoo, flea/tick prevention, beds, blankets, toys, treats, pet crates. Collected 1,044 lbs. of pet care products and \$250 cash for Pawsitive Effects, plus \$125 for the Humane Society.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>OCT</b> "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.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>NOV</b> "Toy Drive" Need: Wrapped toys for child you sponsor. \$\$ to purchase toys for RCMA children and Advent bags. Unwrapped toys for siblings of RCMA kids over 4 yrs old. Collected 324 pounds of toiletries for the Vets Ditty Bags and purchased 77 toys for RCMA children from money collected throughout the year.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>DEC</b> "Heartland Food Bank" Need: Non perishable food items. (Peanut butter & jelly always needed) Heartland Food Bank supplies "42" food banks Collected 1,500 pounds of food and water. Gifts for 5 group Arc homes benefitting 30 residents. Toys, clothing and food for 4 sponsored families benefitting 19 children and 9 adults.
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Note:  = Phlocking Date

# 2022 Party with a Purpose First Half Plan

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>JAN</b> "Heartland Horses"
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>FEB</b> "Veterans Food Drive"
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>MAR</b> "Easter Goodie Bags for children at RCMA."
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>APR</b> "RCMA"
					1	2	<p>Need: Diapers size 4,5,6,7, Unscented wipes, Pull-up training pants for boys and girls size 4 &amp; 5, Construction paper in assorted colors, balls, Puzzles, dot-a-dot markers, Underwear, socks, shoes for boys and girls size 3,4,5,7</p>
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>MAY</b> "Toiletries for Vet's Ditty Bags"
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<p>Need: Tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, body soap, liquid hand soap, nail clippers, shampoo &amp; conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs, hand sanitizer, lotion, mouthwash, body/baby powder, small packages of treats, Kleenex, pens/notepads.</p>
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	<b>JUN</b> "Peace River Women's Shelter"
			1	2	3	4	<p>Need: Toiletries such as hair products, oral hygiene products, deodorant etc. Clothing, shoes, socks and underwear, diapers, games, books. Special need for laundry detergent and pet food.</p>
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