



Heartland LakeSharks Parrot Head Club

The LakeShark Bytes Newsletter

January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR LAKESHARKS AND FRIENDS!

As we wrap up 2020, we would like to thank all of our members who contributed their time, money and creativity to make this most challenging year a success. For 2021, we will continue to find ways to safely party with a purpose.

In this newsletter we recap LakeShark activities for December, preview the January Phlocking, and have a little fun with members in the news. Please enjoy and be sure to click on the websites of the month for some holiday cheer.

Phins Up!

John



Cover picture - December Phlocking - Reflections on Lake Charlette by Amy

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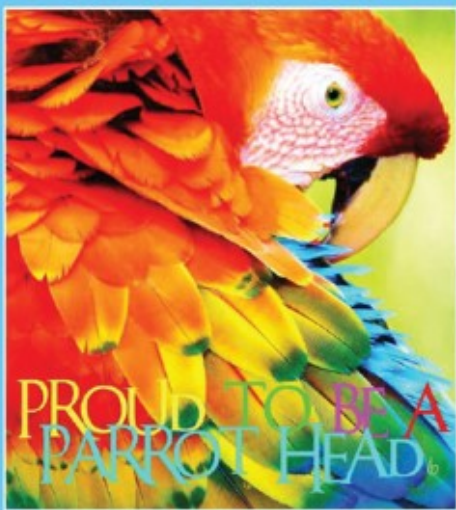
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JANUARY PHLOCKING

The January Phlocking will again be an outdoor event due to the virus situation. At the time of this newsletter, we are working with a venue to host the Phlocking so that we can make it a public event. Stay tuned for further details.

John McDonald will return to entertain us from 3 until 6 PM on January 24th with his special brand of Tropicrock music, songs and stories.

We will be collecting cash donations for Heartland Horses to support their great organization. This is our first time supporting Heartland Horses and we look forward to working with them. More information will follow shortly on their specific needs.

DECEMBER MEMBERS ONLY PHLOCKING A GREAT TIME WITH GREAT FRIENDS

Our December 6th Phlocking was held at the home of John and Amy Howard. We were fortunate enough to have one of our favorites - Sunny Jim along with John Patti and LakeSharks member Lauren Cek entertain with an afternoon of Tropicrock music, "Tom Foolery" and fire dancing. Hint - the next time you meet John Patti, ask him about Tom Foolery.

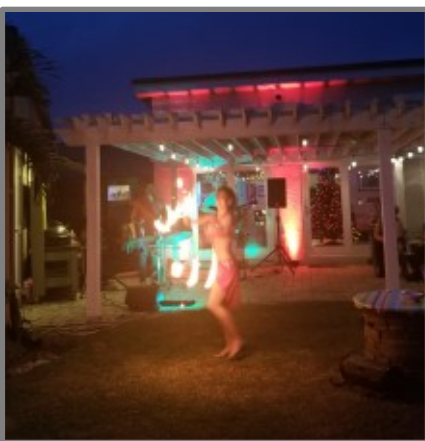
Pizza and wings were provided by the club and guests brought along their favorite beverages and lawn chairs. As in previous house party style Phlockings, this was a members only outside event with plenty of room for social distancing.

Gifts continued to pour in for our sponsored families from the Highlands County school board, and RCMA. A big thank you to all who contributed to make this one of our best giving events of the year. See the article on page 4 for more details.

Thanks to all of our volunteer photographers for providing all the great pictures below and on page 3.



DECEMBER 2020 PHLOCKING IN PICTURES



OUR PURPOSE

LakeSharks were able to make December a little brighter with "ten" Advent bags for individuals that could use some holiday cheer. Eight of the bags went to Ridge Area Arc - serving and advocating for individuals with development and other disabilities. Two went to individuals needing a little extra love this year. The bag contained 25 numbered gifts to be opened each day leading up to Christmas. Best comment from a recipient: "I am like a kid in a candy store and can't wait for my next surprise. It made my bleak day so much brighter. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." We were able to purchase toys for all 75 of the children at RCMA in Lake Placid. They are incredibly grateful to our club and for some this may be their only present. Like last year, we committed to sponsoring four families through the Highlands County School system. Last year 8 children and this year 14!! We are extremely thankful for club members that stepped up and sponsored 8 specific children and to all our other members that gave ever so generously that we were able to furnish presents (toys, clothing, housewares and food) for the rest including their parents and a Publix family Christmas dinner certificate. Many special elves slipped in extra \$\$ and made trips to locate hard to find items on Christmas wish lists and shop for others. And even more members showed up to happily wrap presents and dismantle the Christmas float. It takes a Village - "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, that is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead (as proven by the LakeSharks) Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping all of us believe in the spirit of Christmas and an extraordinary year of creative giving to help our sponsored organizations survive.



Some of the toys collected for RCMA



Advent bags delivered to ARC



LakeShark Santas deliver toys to RCMA



LakeShark Santas deliver toys to Highlands County School system for our sponsored families

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Members Debbi and Karl Haselemire - Light Up Riviera Beach Holiday Decorating Contest Winners



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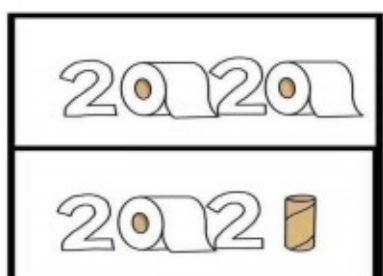
Christina Ammons and Gary Sexsmith filled in as Mrs. and Mr. Claus this year for the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

Member Gary Sexsmith in a Highlands Sun-News Lake Placid Christmas parade article.

GOODBYE 2020!

We don't usually make social or political comments but couldn't pass this one up.

Wait For It



JANUARY PARROT HEAD BIRTHDAYS

Becky	Howard	Jan 9
Kathleen	Fogle	Jan 10
William (Tom)	Shergalis	Jan 11
Bobbie	Peters	Jan 12
Ervin	Cliff	Jan 12



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>

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. We plan to meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 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. Board members who are unable to attend should contact John at: jhoward7411@gmail.com .

WANT TO BECOME A LAKESHARK?

Send us an email and we will get you all the information.

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CHRISTMAS PARADES

This year, LakeSharks members boarded our Christmas float for both the Sebring parade on December 4th and the Lake Placid parade on December 12th. As an unplanned bonus, while the float was parked at Erv and Marilyn's, we were a stationary one float parade as the Leisure Lakes Golf Cart Parade passed by. Great exposure for the club as the 130+ golf carts and ATVs passed by.



PHUN WEBSITES OF THE MONTH

There was just too much phun going on in December for one website . So here are three of our favorites.



Lauren (with her backup band Sunny Jim and John Patti) fire dancing to "Put On Your Red Bikini Bottom and Your Fire Twirling Top." Direct from the LakeSharks Christmas Phlocking. Our cinemaphotographer cut video a little short but you can get the idea.



Silly Outtakes from Sunny Jim and John Patti's Christmas message. Watch the whole thing. Just silly stuff.



A full Christmas concert from Sunny Jim and John Patti (Tropicool.) Our LakeSharks' Christmas Float shows up about 2:30 minutes into the video. Great video for having margaritas with a few friends.

2020 Party with a Purpose Second Half Donations

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	JUL "Heartland Food Bank" Need: Non perishable food items. (Peanut butter & jelly always needed) Heartland Food Bank supplies "36" food banks Collected 583 lbs of items for Peace River (for June) Collected 1,040 lbs of food for Heartland Food Bank
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	AUG "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 385 lbs of items including 20 back packs.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	SEP "Items for Pawsative 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 800 lbs of pet care items plus \$400 cash.
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	DEC "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. 10 Advent bags, 75 toys for RCMA and toys, clothes, food and housewares for 14 children from 4 different families.
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