

# Heartland LakeSharks Parrot Head Club

## **The LakeShark Bytes Newsletter**

**November 2023**



As usual, in order to spend time with family and to prep for Christmas; we won't be Phlocking in November. But don't forget, the November Happy Hour will still be taking place. See details on Page 6.)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **CHRISTMAS MEMBERS ONLY ACTIVITIES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

- Christmas float decorating party November 28th. More information to follow.
- Sebring Christmas Parade December 1st. More information to follow.
- Lake Placid Christmas Parade December 9th. More information to follow.
- LakeSharks Christmas party December 10th 3 to 6 pm. See details on page 2).

### **2024 MANGO DROP NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

The 2024 Mango Drop New year Celebration Dec 30, Jan 1. **This year with all of our friends who have entertained us at LakeSharks Phlockings! Sunny Jim, Beth Travers, Dave Signs and more!** Turn to page 6 for all the information.

### **MUSIC ON THE BAY 2024**

*Dates for Music on the Bay are February 28 - March 3, 2024.*

*There will be (2) registration options available:*

*1) Phlock Star Registration (\$186.72 - credit card) (On-Line Only)*

***ONLY 50 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD WITH THIS PACKAGE***

*In addition to normal MOTB Registration, this package includes entry to our Thursday Night "Music Never Ends" Jam session along with other exclusives TBA. Our Thursday Night parties have been legendary and very exclusive.*

*2) Regular Registration (\$144.22 - credit card)(\$135.00 - check, mail-in)*

*For more information, go to <https://musiconthebay.org>*

**Phins Up!**

**John and Amy**

**Cover picture by Amy Howard - Meeting of the Minds moonrise**

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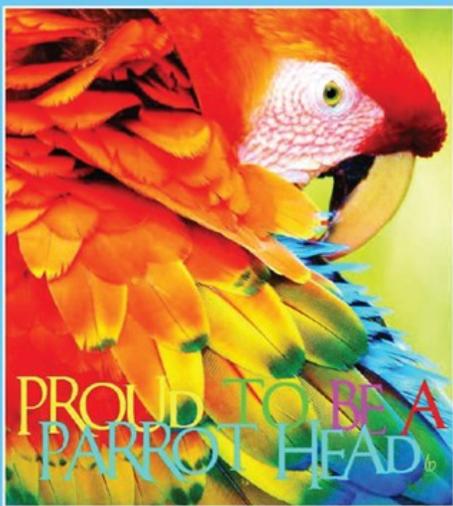
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## CHRISTMAS FLOAT DECORATING PARTY

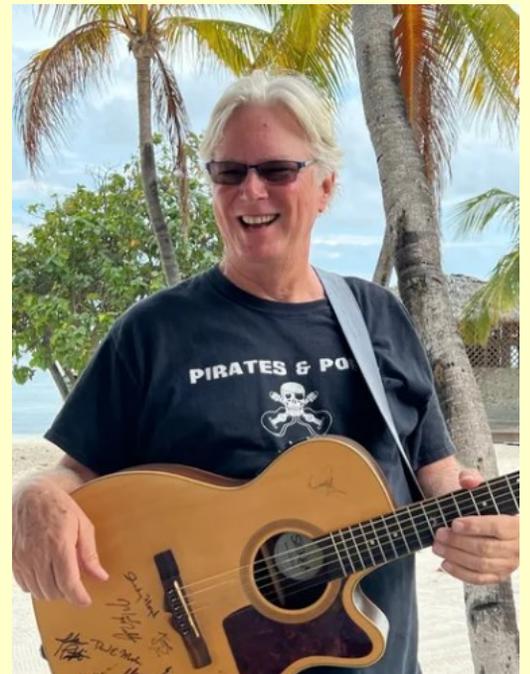
For LakeShark members only - Bring your imagination and a snack to share and join us as we decorate the 2023 Christmas float. The date is Tuesday, November 28 starting at 5pm at the Howard workshop. More information will be sent out to club members soon.

## MEMBERS ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the Phlock on Sunday, December 10th for food, fun and entertainment. The fun starts at 3 and goes to 6pm at the Howard's place. We are very happy to welcome back Sunny Jim with his music and stories from the road. A flyer will be sent out soon to all LakeShark members with the details.

## JAMES "SUNNY JIM" WHITE

James "Sunny Jim" White is a singer songwriter who performs original music with a tropical flair. Based in Southwest Florida, he lives in Osprey, a hamlet on Little Sarasota Bay. Before settling in the sunshine state in 2001, Sunny Jim spent twelve years in the Cayman Islands where he absorbed Caribbean influences and easily adapted a laid-back island lifestyle. His songs are a blend of influences developed through stints in Texas, the West coast and the Caribbean. His live performances include guitar, steel pan, vocals and backup tracks, and calling up sea breezes, palm trees, sandy beaches and tropical vibes. It was in the Caribbean that James picked up his moniker, Sunny Jim.



# OCTOBER PHLOCKING AND COSTUME PARTY RECAP

Thank you John Frinzi for taking the time to join us again before leaving for Meeting of the Minds. Thank you members and friends for your generous donations for the Heartland Food Bank. And a big thanks to Marilyn and Erv for delivering all the goods to the Food Bank.

30 members and friends donated a total of 1,740 pounds - WOW! Thanks again everyone!

## Drawing Winners

50/50 Raffle: Greg Breslich \$110. (although Linda might have a different opinion.)

Members Only drawing: \$20 Caddy Shack gift certificate - Cyndie Baggett.

Members Only drawing: Margaritaville T-shirt Carla Yandle.

## Halloween Costume Contest

1st place female - Amy Howard,

1st place male - Erv Cliff and Taff Brown (tie)

1st place duo - Linda and Milt Ellison

Congratulations to all!





# MEETING OF THE MINDS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Fly the Beach

On the way to Gulf Shores, Amy and I stopped at Destin for my FAA required flight review (got to do it every two years.) The flight operation is called Fly the Beach - which we did. Rose administered the ground school portion and Ryan did the flight portion. Lots of landings in the Choctawhatchee Bay and on sand runways. Also had a little extra time for sightseeing flights near the beaches facing the Gulf. Fun fact - there is a fine line of being far enough away from the condos to get a nice wave from the folks, and being so close that you get the one finger salute! Four and a half hours later and I'm good for another two years.



## 5K SKIPPIN AND SIPPIN FUN RUN/WALK

Amy and Marilyn thought it would be a great idea to get up early to do a 5K run/walk after partying late the night before. This event was for a great cause - to support local patients battling breast cancer. Turns out that Erv Cliff placed first for males in his age group, Marilyn Cliff placed first for females in her age group and John Howard placed third for males in his age group. Not bad with considering there were 204 participants! Oh - Amy did mention something about there being an “extremely ” small number of entrants in the age groups for Erv, Marilyn and John - a small but semi important detail. LOL



## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

We have completed buying toys and books for our 80 kiddos at RCMA and are scheduling a special visit with Santa for them. Christmas gift baskets will be created for the 5 Ridge area ARC adult group homes for their 30 residents (this is the group we won the “Hero” award from). Additionally, we have put in our request to sponsor four Highland’s County Schools families in need. A flyer will be sent out ASAP when we get a breakdown of what is needed so please watch your email. I know the turn around times seem fast but LakeSharks are Ninjas!!

## Arrrgggghhhh Mateys!

Our November Happy Hour will be at:  
The Azul Tequila in Sebring  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm

Come socialize with us.  
We always enjoy great food and a great time together.

Hope to see your there!

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us,

Your Happy Hour Crewe,

Michaele 571-251-4142

Taff 863-451-1568

Terry

Carla

Julie



## LAKESHARKS T SHIRTS

So far, forty plus 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.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO KAREN AND MIKE REYNOLDS

To celebrate the ARC Hero award presented to the LakeSharks PHC (see article in the October' LakeSharks newsletter.) Karen baked enough cupcakes to feed the entire Phlock and then some. Thanks Karen, and your assistant Mike! The cupcakes were delicious!



## MANGO DROP 2024

Dec 30, 31, Jan 1

Please join us as we attend the 2024 Mango Drop in Venice, FL.

The complete 3 day events package is \$195

The NYE party only is \$125

For registration information, click on the logo.

Special room rates will be announced soon, so stay tuned.

If enough Lakesharks attend, we will have the opportunity to have our own table. Watch for flyers as we get closer to the event.

Questions? Email us at: [lakesharksparrotheads@gmail.com](mailto:lakesharksparrotheads@gmail.com)



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# 2023 PARTY WITH A PURPOSE FIRST HALF DONATIONS

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HEARTLAND HORSES
Need: \$\$ donations to sponsor a therapy horse. Their mission: To significantly improve the lives of individuals who are physically, emotionally, or developmentally challenged.
Collected \$1,020 to sponsor a horse or horses

February						
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VETERANS FOOD DRIVE
Need: Non perishable food items.
Collected 320 pounds of nonperishable items for the Veterans Food Drive

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EASTER GOODIE BAGS FOR CHILDREN AT RCMA AND ARC HOMES
Need: Chocolate bunnies or eggs, candy, Peeps, plastic grass, bubbles, small toys, puzzles, coloring books, colors, tooth brushes.
Collected Easter goodies for 80 RCMA treat bags, 5 large gift baskets for ARC and goodies for Heartland Horses.

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RCMA
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 250 pounds of greatly needed supplies for RCMA.

May						
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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.
Collected 201 pounds of toiletries to be included in hand made vets ditty bags by Patty Bloom and friends.

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PEACE RIVER WOMEN'S SHELTER
Need: Toiletries such as hair products, oral hygiene products, deodorant etc. Clothing, shoes, socks and underwear, diapers, games, books. Special need for laundry detergent& pet food.
Collected 540 pounds of supplies for Peace River Women's Shelter. Great job LakeSharks and friends!

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NO PHLOCKING IN JULY

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES - HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOLS
Need: Folders, filler paper, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, Kleenex, back-packs, notebooks, any school items.
Collected 364 pounds of items for Highlands County School System.

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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 651 pounds of items for Pawsitive Effects.

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HEARTLAND FOOD BANK
Need: Non perishable food items. (Peanut butter & jelly always needed). Heartland Food Bank supplies "42" food banks
Collected 1,740 pounds of food items for Heartland Food Bank.

November						
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NO PHLOCKING IN NOVEMBER

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TOY DRIVE
Need: Wrapped toys for child you sponsor. \$\$ to purchase toys for RCMA children and ARC home gift boxes. Any unwrapped toys for children older than 4 will go to older RCMA siblings. We will also have children to sponsor from four families from Highlands County.

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