

## 2018 PHIP State Of The Phlock

This years State of the PHlock. Go ahead, pat yourself on the back... you all did this.

We closed out the 2017 year with 23,879 members, and our membership figures paired with the volunteer hours and fundraising efforts reveal much more than someone's payment of dues and the occasional annual involvement within the clubs. Those 23,000+ members make up the 213 Clubs who are the heart and soul of PHIP.

PHIP welcomed seven new clubs to our ranks in 2017: Parrot Head Club of Belize, Upper Texas Coast PHC, Swamp Rabbit Pirates, Latitude 34.4 PHC, East Carolina PHC, East Tennessee PHC and The Calypso Castaways.

Last year's fundraising efforts amounted to \$4,067,644. More importantly you generously donated 197,965 hours of your extremely valuable time!

Over the last 16 years Parrot Head Clubs have collectively contributed more than \$50.5 million and more than 4 million volunteer hours! WOW!! It is the Parrot Heads who go above and beyond the required 2 charitable or environmental projects per calendar year and volunteer when they see the opportunity to give something back ... to their own Communities, to the environment and to their fellow man, they do it in a big way. You make up the Meeting of the Minds volunteers, donate many hours to hosting successful club events and phlockings, volunteer as judges, work event information booths, man phone banks and generally pitch in when you see a need.

Your ways of raising money and volunteering include golf scrambles, playing softball, walking, cleaning beaches and highways, serving meals and pancake breakfasts, bowling, selling ice cream and beer, giving blood, cooking chili, poker runs, collecting tires for recycling, pub crawls, collecting toiletries and box tops, casino nights and made 1,000s of baskets for raffles!

You help the elderly, less fortunate families, and the homeless, providing clothing, meals, toys, Christmas gifts, senior services and youth camp donations, animal shelters/rescues and many clubs have Adopted A Manatee. On a national level clubs volunteered or raised money for Toys for Tots, Ronald McDonald House, many walks for various cancers or diseases.

The Lone Palm Foundation, the non-profit charitable arm of PHIP exists to support PHIP Parrot Heads who could experience a personal need in the future. Many clubs held fundraisers and donated to help with damage from Harvey and Irma that affected our members.

We continue to exceed the National PHIP Alzheimer's Team goal of \$100,000. Last year our National Alzheimer's Team members raised \$240,595 and our team participation numbers were 63 clubs. Again, the PHIP Board would like to thank all of the clubs who stepped up to helped and donated to the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

As with any organization, the right leadership is what makes a chapter succeed. Our advice for this coming year is to surround yourselves with an incredible group of officers who really care about the success of your club. Take time to identify your talents within your membership. Some of your members are just waiting to be asked to be a part of your club's success. In the long run you'll have the much needed help.

We truly remain united, working to achieve the same goals. There really is a bigger picture and a brighter future when we all work together. Your reported numbers reflect another healthy year in the books. May you all have a very successful 2018!