

NOVEMBER 2024

Tropical Topics

Christmas PARTY

**December 14
from 6—10PM**
at the American
Legion Post
#116 in Fuquay
Varina (see next
page flyer for exact
address).

Tickets are **\$35 p/p**, and includes entertainment and a catered Italian meal. **RSVP must be received by December 2.**

If you pay your **2025 dues** at the same time as your dinner payment, there is a discount!

**Family, usually \$35, will be \$30, and
Single, usually \$25, will be \$20!**

Payment for all are **due** on December 2, so mail early.

Entertainment will be by our very own DJ Harold Zebroski—**Harryoke**, so polish your dancing shoes and start getting your request lists ready.

A separate but basic bar (beer, wine, and basic liquor drinks) will be set up in our building, as the Army Navy-Game will be in full swing and another party is in the room we have used in the past, and it will be crowded. Parking may be a challenge, but it can accommodate everyone if

we do it thoughtfully.

A list of local **hotels** are below. PHofNC is NOT recommending any one in particular; please do your own research, as prices change with the season, and book your own room if needed.

- ◇ Comfort Inn & Suites (Choice Hotels), Fuquay-Varina (2.2 miles)
- ◇ Quality Inn, Fuquay-Varina (2.4 miles)
- ◇ Holiday Inn Express, Holly Springs (6.4 miles)
- ◇ Hampton Inn by Hilton, Holly Springs (6.5 miles)

We will be collecting toys (new, unwrapped and for all ages) for Lil Troops (US Veteran's Corp) again this year. All toys are distributed by Santa and go to children of those serving our country.





\$35 p/p

Discounted 2025 Membership renewals with party payment

*Family \$30 / Single \$20 = \$100/couple or \$55/single with party
{PLEASE submit a new, attached UPDATED membership form}*

Cash in person.

*Check mailed to PHofNC, PO Box 553, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
or VENMO (PHofNC Art Markart. #8260)*

**Includes an Italian meal (chicken dish, salad, desert)
& a CASH bar - We will have our own personal on-site bartender
(please tip your bartender well)**

**Music & Karaoke ("Harryoke")
by PHofNC's own Harry Zebroski**

**American Legion Post 116
6400 Johnson Pond Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
(Building on right as you come up the driveway)**

Christmas Party Registration:

Name(s) of Attendees	Total Number of Members Attending X	\$35.00/person +	Discounted Dues Renewal (\$30/family or \$20/individual) =	Total Due:
1.				
2.				



2025
Membership
Form
**PLEASE PRINT
LEGIBLY**

Please make checks payable and mail to:
PHofNC
P.O. Box 553
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Membership Dues:

Each family membership (dues) per household includes a couple and 'keets under 21 living at the same address.

Dues are prorated based on when you initiate your membership as follows:

Memberships must be renewed by **January 31st each year to avoid removal from club communications.*

January – March	\$35Family/\$25/Single
April – June	\$30F/\$20S
July – September	\$25F/\$15S
October – December	\$20F/\$10S

Member Information (print ALL information clearly) Required of renewals as well as new members to ensure current information is on file.

Name			
Spouse's Name			
Address			
City			
State			
ZIP Code			
Phone—home		Phone—cell	
		Spouse's cell	
E-Mail		Spouse's E-mail	



Canes v. Islanders

We have 33 members and friends attending the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey game vs. the Islanders, on December 17, Margaritaville Night.

Each ticket purchased through this special offer includes an EXCLUSIVE Hurricanes/Margaritaville Hawaiian Shirt! Vouchers for shirts purchased need to be redeemed at the game on 12/17.

Tickets are electronic and will be sent to the e-mail on file for you, along with the voucher for your shirt.

I may have personal access to (one) **really close to the doors (not sure which side)** parking space.—I know someone who knows someone (literally). If that works out, and we will make that our “tailgate” location. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own snacks, food and or drinks, and a chair if you want. I’ll keep you posted.



December 9th at 7pm, Peter Mayer’s Christmas 2024 Tour, **Stars & Promises Christmas** will perform at McMannen United Methodist Church, Durham. Check out the PHofNC Phlocking FB page for a link to purchase tickets.

NEW MEMBERS



We are up to 115 members! It’s so exciting to welcome new members and ideas, and we look forward to encouraging each of you to welcome them and their energy during the coming months—and years!

To all members who have never had a club badge, please submit a headshot to phofnccomm @gmail.com, so that we can make yours, and you can get officially “leid” at the next meeting.

Also, ask to join our private FB page, **PHofNC Phlocking**, where you’ll find out what is happening within the club and around the area.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ~~PARADE~~



Due to all the restrictions imposed on those marching in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, we **will not be marching** in 2025. The Board was not willing to take on the responsibility and personal liability involved.

Just to give you an idea of the scope of the ordinance, it is 5 pages, and the regulations are 12 pages long. While most of it might be reasonable as safety precautions, one restriction requires that the representative of the group (whoever signs the agreement and pays the fee) and any driver, if a float is involved, attend at least one pre-parade class. Another is that vehicles need to go through a stringent inspection. The dealbreaker caveat for many is that NO candy, beads or other items can be passed out to the parade watchers.

INSTEAD, we are considering getting together at a Raleigh bar, preferably close to, but not on, the parade route, so we can watch the parade together then head over to the preselected bar to celebrate our (even if only for a day) Irish heritage. With this in mind, **we are looking for someone to scout out a location (bar) and make some arrangements with management.** (This can be done by phone, text or in person.) If you are **willing to be THAT PERSON** for us, please let Laura-Leigh and Steve Rowlette, Event and Activity Chairs, know.

TidBITS

- We had a great time at the Mac McAnally Show at the Carolina Theatre in Durham. Many of us met before the show for dinner at Bull McCabe's where a group photo was taken.
- Nine members attended Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Gulf Shores, Alabama this year. Some followed the music to Trop Rockin on Duval, Key West, the following week too.
- If you attended these, and haven't already, please post your photos on our FB page(s)

* *PHofNC Phlocking and*

* *Parrot Heads of North Carolina*

**Tell me, I'll forget.
Show me, I'll remember.
Let me write, and I'll
understand!**



January Meeting Agenda Items

Every January the Club holds its Annual Planning Meeting, during which our members have loads of input.

We transition to new officers after an election year, our board positions are 2-year terms; but **2025** starts the second of two-years for the current board, so this won't be applicable. BUT next year, there will be an entirely new board, as none of the current volunteers plan to run again at this time. **(NOTE: start thinking about which position best fits your skills. Shadowing ahead of time will give you insight about what the position entails!)**

The main emphasis, however, is on our charities. A vote will be taken to decide how many charities we want to **financially** support in 2025. We can also decide to support other groups throughout the year, in the form of manpower by participation by manning raffle tables, walking at their events. Separate from that we can also coordinate food or supplies donations—think collections after a catastrophic act of nature, food banks, animal shelters, or other local opportunities. We even donated 31 (old inventory) club shirts to the Helene efforts this year!

All members are invited to nominate a charity that we will support in the coming year. Either you or a representative of the group are asked to present a little about what it is that they do (who, what, why, where and when—how if it's not obvious.) Once all charities have been presented, and all questions answered, each member present gets to vote for their choice by a show of hands. The agreed upon number of charities are then chosen based on those results.

IF you nominate a 501(c)3 and it is selected, you automatically become the chair of that committee. As chair, you become the liaison between the club and the organization, spearhead any joint efforts on their behalf, and organize our members who participate. It's not difficult and allows you to have an important impact on our community.

February Meeting

We will be presenting the proceeds from our 2024 fundraising efforts at our February meeting:

- * **Ronald McDonald House**
- * **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina**
- * **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Calendar of Events

MONTHLY PHofNC Meetings:

2nd Saturday of every month, 3:00 at Rally Point in Cary, unless otherwise noted.

2024 Events and Activities (so many but certainly not all)
- flyers with more invitations can be found on our FB pages

Meeting Reminder

Our regular meeting schedule will resume on **November 9, at 3pm**, at Rally Point Sport Grill, Cary (Pro Bass shopping mall).

December

6th Carrie Welling at the Wake Forest Listening Room @ 7:30pm (a Friday)
Laura-Leigh and Steve will be hosting a pre-show get-together at 5 or 5:30 @ their home in Wake Forest, that will include a light dinner and side dish contributions from those attending.
More details about the dinner will be posted on FB.

9th Peter Mayer: Stars & Promises @ 7pm (a Monday)
McMannen UMC, located in Durham

14th **PHofNC Christmas Holiday Party—with DJ Harry Zobroske**
in lieu of a regular club meeting
American Legion Post 116, Building 2, Johnson Pond Road, Fuquay-Varina @ 6pm

17th **Carolina Hurricanes vs. Islanders Hockey @ 7:30pm**
Margaritaville Night

2025

January Annual Planning Meeting @3pm
11 Rally Point Sport Bar, Cary

February 26—
March 2 **Music on the Bay, Tampa Florida**
More to follow...

Each month Art will ask a different member to do the honor of leading the toast.

This month's Team Drink was led by Peggy Lee.

The 50/50 pot of \$95 going to Kay Campbell!

PHofNC Team Toast:

*There are cruise ships,
And pirate ships.
And ships that sail the sea,
But the BEST ships are FRIENDships,
And may they ALWAYS be!
ARRRHH!*

Parrot Heads of North Carolina social media:

[PHofNC Phlocking FB](#) - private for members only

[Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB](#) - public for information and awareness about who we are and what we do.

[PHofNC.com](#) - our website

Parrot Heads in Paradise:

Web site: <http://phip.com>

Instagram: [#parrotheadsinparadise](#)

Twitter: [@parrotheadsIP](#)

PHlockers Magazine: [PhlockersMagazine.com](#)

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Parrot Heads of North Carolina

c/o (a particular board member's name can be inserted here)

P.O. Box 553

Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Meeting and Social Location

(2nd Saturday of each month, unless otherwise posted):

Rally Point Sports Grill

837 Bass Pro Lane (Harrison Avenue)

Cary, NC 27513

Parrot Head members can receive a 15% discount on most merchandise at:

WWW.MARGARITAVILLE.COM/SHOP