

FEBRUARY 2025

Tropical Topics

Presentation to our 2024 Charities



The meeting began with check presentations to our 2024 selected charities, **Ronald McDonald**

House Charities of the Triangle, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The total collected in 2024 was \$11,844.07; the board voted to round up that amount, so each charity received \$4,000. An additional \$1,000 also was donated to SiHP during the MargaRALEIGHville festivities by Kay Campbell's niece in honor to her coinciding special birthday.

Representatives from **Ronald McDonald House** and **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** gave brief presentations about their organizations. Representing **RMDH**,



Traci Cortez explained that this chapter covers a large area, from Chapel Hill to Durham and beyond. She noted that RMDH sheltered 96 families last night alone. They will be reaching out to liaison Laura-

Leigh Rowlette to let us know other ways that we can help support their mission in the months ahead.

Zella and Leon Bracy, Co-presidents of **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, Fuquay-



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Varina Chapter, also explained that they cover a vast area providing services to towns well beyond the Fuquay borders. Records show that almost 3% of every town's population qualifies for a bed, and to date SiHP has provided 1124 beds over their four year existence. Along with the delivery of the beds, linens, blankets and pillows are also included.



The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina was unable to send a representative.

It was decided at the January Planning Meeting that we will continue to fund Ronald McDonald House and Sleep in Heavenly Peace by splitting all proceeds from our 2025 fundraising effort between the two, along with other hands-on activities with these organizations, and we will continue to bring non-perishable food donations to every meeting to assist the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina fulfill their mission.





Membership Update

Greg Erlemann reported that our current membership number is at 85 members—that's 35 down from last year, but we're still counting. As Art likes to point out, we are all on the

membership committee, so share our business cards with friends and acquaintances, include your own name and contact information on the back, and invite them to a meeting.

This month, new members, **Robin and Tim Roach** were leid and received their badges.

If you need a **new badge**, please submit a current headshot to phofncomm@gmail.com. New members will officially get "leid" at the next meeting. Long-time members can collect your new credentials from Greg or Jean at the meeting following your request and photo submission.

Volunteer Hours

PHIP has changed what qualifies as acceptable Volunteer Hours for 2024 going forward. Hours volunteered through organizations other than Parrot Head events no longer count.

However, hours spent on behalf of the club, such as committee hours, organization and solicitation hours in the planning and success of our activities and events DO!

Exceptions: Attending the event in and of itself does not, but the time you spend selling raffle, 50/50 tickets or rings, playing jailer, or any other assigned "job," does.

On more clarification, if you actively participate in and work another club's function, as long as they do not counting your hours on their reports, you can add them to our count.

We are revamping the sign-in sheets to reflect these changes.

ST. PAT'S PARADE—MARCH 15

Due to all the restrictions imposed on everyone marching in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, we **will not be participating** this year. The Board was not willing to take on the responsibility and personal liability involved. Since no one offered suggestions on celebrating this event as a group, you're on your own on March 15th.

MargaRALEIGHHville 2025

The planning has already begun...



- It's NEVER too early to solicit sponsorships or raffle donations for our MargaRA-LEIGHville event on September 13. Many corporations have a matching fund program; this means that if you donate any amount, your company will also donate that amount to your cause. Also, many businesses allocate their charitable giving budget at the beginning of the year, so you want to get on their list before all the money is designated elsewhere.
- The entertainment has been booked! Opening the event will be JT ParrotHead, WRAL's 2024 Peoples' Choice Award Winner for the Triangle. Returning as Headliners will be Hungry Hard Luck Heroes, with guest saxophonist, Brad Brewer!
- Liz Losey has agreed to design the event artwork again, so flyers and forms will be available soon.



- PHiP extended the deadline for our annual report because they were late in getting some of the forms out to each club, AND BOY WERE WE GLAD! After our third effort, with the help of their membership chair, Suzanne

Calhoon, she corrected the glitch, and it finally went through with two days to spare! We are officially a PHiP sanctioned Parrot Club. See Page 5 for the actual explanation from PHiP.

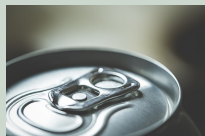
- If you take photo at any PH event, especially our own, please send them to me for inclusion on our website, **phofnc.com**, and also be sure to include them on our FB pages:



* **PHofNC Phlocking and**

* **Parrot Heads of North Carolina**

- **Continue to collect your pop-tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. You can turn them over to either Laura-Leigh Rowlette or Michelle Harris, who delivers them every month when she participates in providing a meal for the residents through her church.



- If you're interested in coordinating an after-meeting activity, like Tim & Tracy Marcks orchestrated the Corn Hold "Tournament in 2024, raise your hand and share your idea. Let's make out meetings BOTH informative and FUN!

Treasury Update

Charity Allocation:	\$12,000.00
Balance on Hand:	\$ 4,935.17

Chloe has a breakdown of all income and expenses at every meeting. Specific balances for funds collected (membership, events, etc.), as well as expenses are available anytime.

Calendar of Events

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

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

PHofNC Calendar – updated January 2025

FEBRUARY

26 - March 2 Music on the Bay - Tampa <https://musiconthebay.org> for info

MARCH

8 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

16-23 Atlanta Parrot Head Cruise - From LA www.parrotheadcruise.com

APRIL

5 Hungry Hard Luck Heroes w/ Doyle Grisham & Scott Nickerson
Hanover Vegetable Farm near Richmond, VA

12 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

19 Bullock Beach Music Blast, Bullock, NC—Jim Quick & the Coastliners and the Konnections

24-26 Parrot Head Rendezvous - Panama City, FL panamacityphc.org/rendezvous

26 Feeding Frenzy - Emerald Isle PH Club, 12PM [Emerald Isle Parrothead Club - Party with a purpose!](#)

27 ****Walk to De-Feet Dementia, Fenton, Cary 1:00-4:00 (work raffle tables, WALK event)**

MAY

10 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

18 Lone Palm House Concert - Peter and Brendan Mayer

28- June 2nd Isla Mujeres Island Showcase, Mexico www.songwritersisland.com/islandshowcase

JUNE

11-15 A1A Beach Bash - Amelia Beach, FL <https://a1aparrotheads.org/beach-bash-2/>

13-17 **The Floating Opera Margaritaville Aat Sea** - a 4-DAY Tribute Cruise celebrating Jim Morris' June 8 birthday featuring Sunny Jim White, and former Big Bamboo Band members John Patti and Jimi Pappas to sign up: [Group Registration](#)

14 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

28 Lone Palm House Concert - Carrie Welling

JULY

12 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

20 Lone Palm House Concert - Bryton Stoll



AUGUST

- 8 Donny Howard at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)
9 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**

SEPTEMBER

- 13 ****MargaRALEIGHville, PHofNC Annual Party (in lieu of our regular meeting)**
With JT ParrotHead and Hungry Hard Luck Heroes (Dave McKenny and Geary Green, with guest saxophonist, Brad Brewer)
19-21 Throwback Shell Beach Party, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina Club
27 Pondapalooza - Mike Nash

OCTOBER

- 11 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 PM @ Rally Point**
11 Pondapalooza - Jesse Rice (later afternoon and evening)
22- 26 6th Meeting of the Minds, Gulf Shores AL
28- November2 Trop Rockin' on Duval Street, Key West FL

NOVEMBER3:00 PM @ Rally Point

- 8 ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 Rally Point**

DECEMBER

- 13 ****PHofNC Christmas Party, Fuquay-Varina American Legion #116**
back by popular demand DJ Harryoke will provide the entertainment

VOLUNTEER



As discussed at the January & February meetings, and per the PHIP Club Leaders Manual:

VOLUNTEER HOURS.

What counts? What doesn't count? Man hours are simply the number of club members participating in an event times the number of hours in the event.

- For example: 25 club members march in a community Independence Day parade that lasts four

hours—25 members X 4 hours per member = 100-man hours.

- The time spent by club members to build a float for this parade should also be tracked.

Attendance at a club hosted event does not count.

- If your club hosts a fundraising party, for example, with raffles, auctions, etc. and 300 people show up for the four-hour soiree, you cannot claim 1200 man hours, even though you raised money for a worthy cause.
- However, the dollars raised during the festivities may certainly be claimed as a charitable donation, as can any man hours spent in planning the function, setting up, tearing down, cleaning up, etc.

Expanding on that, here are some examples of things that count:

- Participating in a community event as a club:
 - o Parades
 - o Alzheimer's walks
 - o Cancer walks
 - o Assisting with nursing home or group home events or parties
 - o Collections of toys, time spent gift wrapping for groups, delivery time
 - o Roadside clean-up
 - o Planning club events:
 - o Planning meetings
 - * Set up
 - * Tear down/Clean up
 - * Seeking Sponsorship
 - * Time spent seeking sponsors for club events
 - * Time spent seeking donations from businesses for club events

Examples of things that **do not** count:

- Attending club events – going to Happy Hours or attending a club sponsored event
- Individual members volunteering at non-club sanctioned activities
- Monetizing volunteer hours

REFERENCE SHEET

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

This month our newest member, Robin Roach, led the Team Toast. Members were asked to end the toast with a thoughtful remembrance of several friends of PHofNC who lost their battles with cancer. These phriends provided us with many fun memories from sister club events over the years.

The 50/50 pot held \$215 with half going to Greg (and Jean) Erlemann!

♦ 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](#)

♦ PHofNC Officer **Emails** are:

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Jean & Greg Erlemann	phofncmembership@gmail.com
Laura-Leigh & Steve Rowlette	phofncevents@gmail.com

♦ PHofNC Mailing Address:

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