

JULY
2025

Tropical Topics

Counting Down...61 days to go

*—and a lot has been done already,
but there's still lots to do!*

- ✓ The entertainers have been hired.
- ✓ Hotel info is available (see page 3); and
- ✓ Rally Point is getting ready for us.
- ✓ Our printer has been notified of our intention to order tee-shirts and a banner.
- ✓ Sponsorships have started to come in; we have just \$7,100 either collected or committed so far!
- ✓ Laura-Leigh has started collecting baskets, and is asking you to let her know what the theme of yours will be. She has asked that we not wait until the last minute to actually get yours to her.
- ✓ A new component has been added this year; there will be a Cork Raffle. We are asking everyone to consider donation a bottle of wine, worth at least \$20, for this effort. Bottles will be "hidden" in a gift bag, and purchased tickets will coordinate to a specific bag. The fun is in winning something delicious that you may not have gotten for yourself.
- ✓ Laura-Leigh Rowlette passed around the **Volunteer Sign-up Sheet** (similar to last year's but with a few

additions), so if you haven't done so already, please let her know when you're available and what you prefer to help with, the volunteer sign-up sheet is waiting for your commitment, and

- ✓ We're asking to borrow canopies and tables for the set-up on the day of—that's **SEPTEMBER 13!**
- ✓ We've consigned our professional (by our standards) builders to reconstruct the jail;
- ✓ And Laura-Leigh & Steve are ordering rings, poster board, rolls of tickets,
- ✓ We are unable to borrow the photo booth this year however.
- ✓ Advertising is on-going. Share our flyer anywhere and everywhere that you go!



***** Laura-Leigh also has asked that any and all questions related to MargaRALEIGHville go directly to her, so here's her official e-mail:
phofncevents@gmail.com**

MargaRaleighVille 2025

*LIVE MUSIC
throughout the
day!
JT Parrothead
3:00 – 5:00*



*Hungry Hard Luck
Heroes,
Dave and Gary
with Special Guest
Brad Brewer
6:00 – 9:00*

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday Sept 13th

3:00 - 9:30 PM / Free Admission

RallyPoint Sport Bar & Grill, Cary NC

**Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle,
and more!**

Sponsored
by:



**Parrot Heads
of North Carolina**

Benefitting:



**Ronald
McDonald
House®
Durham & Wake**



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

MargaRALEIGHville 2025



Saturday Sept 13th

3:00 – 9:30

**RallyPoint Sport Grill and Bar
837 Bass Pro Lane, Cary NC**

HOTEL OPTIONS *(prices are estimates)*

- Embassy Suites by Hilton Raleigh Durham Research Triangle
Behind RallyPoint (walking distance) - \$179 per night and includes free breakfast

Options within 4 miles of RallyPoint and under \$140 per night with good reviews online:

- LaQuinta Inn and suites - 1001 Hospitality Ct. Morrisville - \$86
- Wingate by Wyndham - 5223 Page Rd, Durham - \$108
- Country Inn and Suites by Raddison - 201 Airgate Dr, Morrisville - \$110
- Sonesta Select - 2001 Hospitality Ct. Morrisville - \$120
- Holiday Inn Express - 1014 Airport Blvd, Morrisville - \$130
- Hilton Garden Inn - 1500 RDU Center Dr., Morrisville - \$138

PARTY SCHEDULE

3:00 - 5:00 JT Parrothead

One guy, one guitar, one GOOD time!

**6:00 – 9:00 Hungry Hard Luck Heroes Duo: Dave McKenney
and Gary Green with special guest, Brad Brewer on Sax!**

Playing your favorite early Buffett tunes from the 70's and 80's

Throughout the afternoon:

Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, Cork Pull, Ring Game, and a few surprises! Basket raffle and silent auction end at 7:30, and winners posted at 8:00 pm



Parrot Heads of North Carolina

Partying with a purpose!

2025 Annual PHofNC MargaRALEIGHville

September 13, 2025 @ the Rally Point Grille & Bar, Cary, NC

Sponsorship Opportunities



**Platinum Margarita
Benefactor
(\$1,000)**



**Golden Coconut
Patron
(\$500)**

- * Opportunity to display your corporate banner
- * Business Card Displayed on our Sponsor Board
- * Prominent name or logo displayed on the event T-Shirt
- * Recognition in event promotion materials
- * 2 complimentary event T-shirts
- * 30 raffle tickets

- * Opportunity to display your corporate sign
- * Business Card Displayed on our Sponsor Board
- * Level 2 name or logo displayed on event T-shirt and badges
- * Mention in event promotion materials
- * 2 complimentary T-shirts
- * 20 raffle tickets

August 18th DEADLINE
ensures names will appear on
t-shirts and banner.



**Lost Shaker of Salt
Champion
(\$300)**



**Cheeseburger
Advocate
(\$100)**

- * Business Card Displayed on our Sponsor Board
- * Level 3 name display on event T-shirt and badge
- * 1 Complimentary T-shirts
- * 10 raffle tickets

- * Business Card Displayed on our Sponsor Board
- * Level 4 name displayed on event T-shirt
- * 10 raffle tickets

There will be a minimum number of T-shirts available at the event.

If you wish to order any additional T-shirts at the time of your donation, please let Jean or Greg Erlemann know. Requested size(s) and payment will be required at time of your order.



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- ◆ *Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Fuquay-Varina Chapter)* — Tax ID#46-4346568
an organization that builds beds and supplies bedding to children who otherwise sleep on the floor.

⇒ **Donated cash, gift cards, and prizes are also welcome
and will be offered as Silent Auction or Raffle Basket prizes.**

Contact Steve or Laura-Leigh Rowlette (phofncevents@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up.

Circle Sponsorship Level:

\$1000 AND ABOVE	\$500	\$300	\$100
Please complete information above legibly:			
Business Name:			
Contact Person:			E-Mail:
Address:			Phone:
Return to: Parrot Heads of North Carolina c/o Steve and Laura-Leigh Rowlette P.O Box 553 Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526			



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P.O. Box 553
Fuquay Varina, NC 275260
501(c)7 organization 56-2260109

July 14, 2025

Dear Supporter,

The Parrot Heads of North Carolina is a 501(c)7 organization whose motto is “party with a purpose.” The “purpose” is to support local 501(c)3 charities by raising funds and supplying manpower for their causes. Along with minor fundraising efforts, we host an annual party, *MargaRALEIGHville*, with live music, a silent auction of major prizes and a raffle of numerous gift baskets; all profits are divided equally among the membership-selected charities. Open to the public, this year it will be held on September 13, 2025, at Rally Point Sports Grill, Cary.

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To be successful, our efforts require support from the community. With that in mind, we are asking you to help underwrite this event through a sponsorship. In return, your business will receive local promotion on our web site, *PHofNC.com*, our Facebook pages, *PHofNC Phlocking* (private) and *Parrot Heads of North Carolina* (public), and all flyers and an event t-shirt given to our major sponsors and available for purchase at the event. A separate form is attached with a breakdown of the available sponsorship levels.

If you are unable to sponsor the event this year, we ask that you consider donating a prize for one of the auctions. No item is too large, or too small, and committee members are in the wings ready to combine smaller gifts into an attractive and enticing gift basket. Your donation will be showcased as a must-have prize that is sure to warrant lots of bidding. If you donate a gift to help us help others, please include two (or more) business cards, one to be attached to your gift so that our participants know that you have supported our efforts, and another so we can be sure to thank you with a personalized letter and tax receipt.

We are very grateful for your interest in our event and thank you in advance for supporting the Parrot Heads of North Carolina and our selected charities for 2025.

Sincerely,

Art Markart
President

Steve Rowlette & Laura-Leigh Rowlette
Co-Directors, Activities and Events

Election of Board Members for 2026-27

Another VERY important item that needs to be addressed is Board elections. Our by-laws state that each position is for a term of 2 (two) years.

At this point, Chloe is the only board member that is interested in remaining on the board, in her current position - Finance. Jimmy & Kay Campbell have mentioned taking on the membership and merchandise spot, but there is no commitment yet. Another member inquired about the President role, but, until he clears it with his wife, I won't mention his name. Deena Perillo may be interested in something—not sure what yet. Communications/Vice President and Events and Activities Chairs remain uncovered. Should more than one member express interest in a position, we will hold a balloted election in October.

If you have ANY interest, you are encouraged to attend any board meeting to get a feel for the role and responsibilities of each position. The current board typically meets at Rally Point on the Thursday evening (6:30pm) before a regularly scheduled Saturday club meeting.

The positions are turned over to our new officers at the January Planning Meeting, but both the old and the new boards meet beforehand to turn over files, passwords, and any other pertinent records and information.



Disaster Relief

The Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC has asked their donors to consider making a special contribution to help those in NC who were affected by the recent flooding from Tropical Storm Chantal.

A vote at January's planning meeting to support the Food Bank with donations of non-perishable food but not financially this year. However since this is a extenuating disaster, At this meeting, Art asked those present in a show-of-hands vote to agree to send \$500 from our treasury to help with this effort. The vote passed unanimously.

Parrot's Perch

What part of a ship are parrots not welcome? The crow's nest.

What do you get if you cross a parrot with a shark? A bird that will talk your ear off.

What side of a parrot has the most ? The outside.

What animal is smarter than a talking parrot? A spelling bee.

Did you know there's a name for when parrots mimic human speech? It's called a parroty.

(Needed something to fill the space!)

MargaRALEIGHville 2025

More...

Sponsorship letters and forms are included in this newsletter and have been sent to your own email. In asking a business you frequent or where you may know the owner, the worst that can happen is you'll hear, "Sorry, no." The BEST outcome would be a sponsorship check! Or even a gift basket...so, please, just ASK.

- Don't forget that many corporations have a matching fund program too.
As of the meeting's end on Saturday, we have already had commitments for or have already collected \$7,100. Of course, that is before any expenses that include the entertainment and accommodations, sponsorship t-shirts, and operational supplies.
- Once it gets here—**SEPTEMBER 13** (3—9:30) we will need people! It is once again at Rally Point Sport Bar. Opening will be **JT Parrot Head**, WRAL's 2024 Peoples' Choice Award Winner for the Triangle. Returning as Headliners will be **Hungry Hard Luck Heroes** (Dave and Gary), with guest saxophonist, **Brad Brewer!**

The countdown has officially begun with a little less than 2 month to go! Your participation will help determine the outcome.

Volunteer Hours

As we have already discussed, 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.

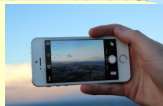
However, hours spent on behalf of the club, such as committee hours, organization and solicitation hours in the planning and success of our activities and events DO!

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.

NOTE: Personal time spent soliciting sponsorships and raffle prizes for MargaRALEIGHville counts too, as does time spent as a "committee member" building the jail, setting up and cleaning up, selling raffles, rings, and 50/50 tickets during the event. So October's Volunteer Hours Sheet should need more than one page!!!



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. Please give them to either Michelle Harris or Laura-Leigh Rowlette at our meetings.



NEW MEMBERS:

If you're a new member, please submit a headshot to PHofNCComm@gmail.com in order to get your PHofNC badge. (Also, if you are a long-time member and don't even recognize yourself in your photo it's so old, and would like a newer version, please send a headshot of your choice!)



Don't forget to ask to join our members only FB page too: PHofNC Phlocking. Our Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB page is open to the public.

Membership Report:

Our current roster number is **97**—Welcome, Stan Skinner (Laura-Leigh's brother)!

Reminder

This year we are donating non-perishable food, cleaning items and personal hygiene items to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Please bring your donations to our monthly meeting.

MOTM 2025

Registration is now open, and two (Ellen Andrews and Lula Melisko) have already committed! Details can be found at: [Meeting of the Minds](#)

Treasury Update (6/14/25)

Balance on Hand:	\$ 4,623.50
Cash available:	\$ 6,237.00

the differences between the two amounts reflects \$ already collected and allocated to our charities via 50/50s, sponsorships, and miscellaneous other activities in 2025. 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.

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

PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated June 2025

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

JULY

11th

EG Peters

Bond Park, Cary

12th

****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

20th

Bryton Stoll

Lone Palm House Concert - LL & Steve Rowlette, 195 Barley Place, Wake Forrest)

AUGUST

8th

Donny Howard at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)

9th

****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

18-25th

Whale of a Good Time Alaskan Cruise

- Reggie Starrett, Eric Erdman & Carrie Welling

31st

The Labor Day Weekend Show, Buffett Tribute

<https://www.paristown.com/laborday>

SEPTEMBER

13th

****MargaRaleighVille, PHofNC Annual Party**, Rally Point Sport Grill

with JT Parrot Head and

Hungry Hard Luck Heros (Dave McKenny and Gary Green) plus Brad Brewer on Sax!

19th - 21st

Throwback Shell Beach Party, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina Club

https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp_tickets/

20th

Kitty Steadman, Truck Driver's Daughter Tour (Jackie's)

Pondapalooza—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC, 27502-8019

27th

Mike Nash (Jackie's venue in Apex)

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OCTOBER

3-5

ParrotPhest, Fort Meyers Beach, FL

grco.de/PHEST

11th

****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

11th

Jesse Rice (later in the afternoon and evening)

Pondapalooza—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC 27502-8019

19TH

Carrie Welling and Liz Hopkins

8pm, Bond Brothers, Cary, NC

22nd - 26th

Meeting of the Minds, Gulf Shores AL

<https://motm.rocks/>

28th - 2nd

Trop Rockin' Duval Street, Key West FL

<https://www.beachfrontentertainment.com/>

NOVEMBER

8th

****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

DECEMBER

4 - 8th

Donnie Brewer's Mexico Meltdown 6

Margaritaville All-Inclusive Riviera Maya Cancun, <https://Trop Rock Travel>

13th

****PHofNC Christmas Party, Harryoke at the American Legion #116, Fuquay-Varina**

2026

JANUARY

15-18

Pardi-Gras, NOLA

www.pardi-gras.com

25TH—February 1

Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club Cruise

Jerry York—jyork@expediacruise.com

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FEBRUARY

25th—March 1

Music on the Bay, Tampa (* note new host hotel)

<https://musiconthebay.org>

26—March 2

Landsharks Band Cruise

landsharkscruise.com/index.html

MARCH

20-27

(Atlanta) **Parrothead Cruise**

www.ParrotheadCruise.com

REFERENCE SHEET

Each month Art asks a different member to do the honor of leading the team toast; this month Liz Losey had the honor. The 50/50 shark head held \$140, with half going to Lula Milisko (a first time winner!!)

- ◆ **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:**

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Jean & Greg Erlemann	<u>phofncmembership@gmail.com</u>
Laura-Leigh & Steve Rowlette	<u>phofncevents@gmail.com</u>

- ◆ **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

- ◆ **Check out www.workingadvantage.com for additional benefits of membership**