

# JULY 2024

## Tropical Topic

Art opened the July 8th meeting at 3:10pm. He mentioned that Chloe is doing well but unable to maneuver through crowded and nervous about banging her ankle (OUCH!). She promises to join us again soon, so when she does finally come back, be sure to have a seat for her. Art continues to stay in touch with her to ensure a seamless, albeit temporary, transition.

Our bi-annual report was submitted and accepted by PHiP, which was a relief for Art. It requires board info, a membership roster, club charitable activities for the last six months, and other pertinent data.

Jean and Greg are back, but Laura-Leigh and Steve are packing to come home from their catamaran sail through the sunny Caribbean. Timing is everything, so I think they missed Beryl, and, judging by a few pictures, they had an unbelievable vacation. Art and Ginny will be covering Event and Activity news in their absence.

Limited merchandise is currently available and a few recent members helped literally lighten the load for those who helped carry the bin. (Greg had a mountain bike accident last weekend and was nursing a few badly bruised, but thankfully not broken, ribs.)



Art once again asked members to consider supporting MargaRALEIGHville (MRV) with a sponsorship of any size. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Several of us stayed around after the meeting, enjoyed some Reggae music by The Reggae Amateurs, and posed for photo booth photos! (We're working on having one at MRV too!)

Drew Schenk and his wife, Kelli, are our most recent members, joining on

Saturday. Drew was a great supporter of our efforts when used to own Rally Point, He will be meeting with the board talk about how he cans support us with MargaRALEIGHville this year! He is a co-owner of Dram and Draught, a liquor bar with 6 locations in NC, and also a partner of bottled beverage enterprises, responsible for GOATz Rum and Moonbird Gin, sponsors of the meeting "after-party." reggae evening .



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## Volunteers Needed

A volunteer sheet for MargaRALEIGHville was circulated at the meeting Saturday. Just about everyone there, and even a handful who weren't, signed up to fill a specific role during the event.

However, with 106 members, only 25 members have volunteered, and that includes all (seven) board members, and their participation is mandatory.

A lot of work and people hours go into pulling off an event



like this. So much of it is behind the scenes, begins in March, and is on-going even after it ends. This is OUR organization; with You, it becomes YOURs too. We need all of you (okay, the Florida members got an excused "note" from Art) to roll up your sleeves and get involved. Some slots (like raffle ticket sales) are as brief as 45 minutes. Now that Laura-Leigh is back, please send her an e-mail at [PHofNCEvents@gmail.com](mailto:PHofNCEvents@gmail.com) to find out where you're needed.



## Treasury

- ◇ **Current balance:**
- ◇ **\$8,709.16**
- ◇ **Sponsorships:**
- ◇ **\$4,300.00**
- ◇ **Charity Funds**
- ◇ **\$ 700.14**
- ◇ **Available funds: \$3,709.02**

MRV and Christmas party expenses, as well as outlay for merchandise, will come from these remaining funds.

## **Communications**

The trip to the Carolina Panthers Game is **CANCELLED!**

LaRue Mills reported on the status of the September 29, 1pm, Panthers v. Bengals football game in Charlotte.

UPDATE: After contacting both the team ticket office and Amtrak to finalize the details, unfortunately, with only 11 members interested in participating, we are **not eligible** for the group rates as first reported. It is disappointing for those 11, but we are officially **canceling** the outing.

LaRue deserves everyone's thanks for all the time she spent and the phone calls she made to put this together.

# thanks

## Membership & Merchandise

Last month's membership number was at 103, and, we are continuing to grow. We're now at 106!

Ron King and Drew and Kelli Schenk, have joined. All three are actually renewals after a few years ago. Even a small leap forward is growth.

Art keeps reminding us that each and every one of our members is on the membership committee, so bring a friend, coworker, family member to our next meeting and convince them to join too. MRV is a really great time to invite newcomers to see what we're all about.

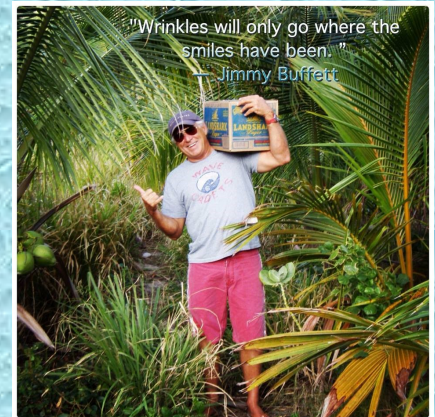
Two recent members were "leid" at this month's meeting. Please introduce yourself and welcome Jimmy & Kay Campbell.



Newer members, if you haven't submitted your picture yet, please send it to

**phofncomm@gmail.com**, so you can get "leid" too.

Any member needing a new badge should send a note to the same e-mail noted above, along with a recent headshot photo. FYI the address on the back side is no longer valid. Newer badges are now generic.



**August 30th** has been designated as \ **Jimmy Buffett Day** by the state of Florida. If you're looking for a place to go, I'm sure there will be lots of PH happenings down there that week-end! ...Bubbles Up



# Events and Activities



Jimmy and Kay Campbell found the Lost Shaker of Sale when they stepped up and sponsored at the \$300 level. Lucky for us, but they got lucky too when Jimmy won the 50/50. The pot was \$215, and Jimmy chose to round down his share of \$107.50, to \$100, leaving \$115 to go toward our charities.

Not only are they fairly new members, but Sunday was his birthday! Nice gift!



We'd love to include some of your personal photos of our events and activities

on our social media pages.

Please send them to [PHofNCComm@gmail.com](mailto:PHofNCComm@gmail.com)



The board is working on the details, but mark your calendars because **December 14**, a usual meeting date, is the our Christmas Party.

The where, time, and entertainment are in the works, and they will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

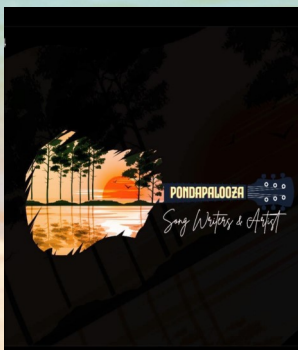


## Jesse Rice

at Pondapalooza  
in Apex

October 12th @ 6pm

More information on  
FB PHofNC Phlocking



## Pool Party Plans

Hopefully most of you were able to enjoy Paul and Deena's tropical backyard on Sunday. Although still in the midst of the current heat wave, it was nice to see the sun shining again after several days of rain.

The highlight was a House concert with Aaron Scherz (and his family), followed by a pot luck meal. There's nothing like southern PH Hospitality!



## ...More Events and Activities

### MargaRALEIGHville

**M**argaRALEIGHville (MRV, 'cause the entire name takes a lot of effort to type each time!) is OUR, as in EVERY member's, event, and only your help will make it a success.

Information was submitted for inclusion on the PHiP regional calendar, as well as postings on our website and both FaceBook pages.

Eight "sister" clubs were individually and personally invited (again) to attend, and each received a flyer with all the details, so hopefully we will have a great turnout.

Representative of each of our selected charities, Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank of Greater Central and Eastern NC and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, are being invited to set up an information table during the event to help promote their cause and show what we're doing all of this for! Hopefully they will help promote it as well.

Ginny sent around Laura-Leigh's MRV's volunteer sheets during the meeting, and Art brought them with him to Paul & Deena's House Concert (Aaron Schurz) today.

Badges the event with colors designating your role will be distributed the day of the

event when you sign in for your shift. If your name is on the sign-up sheet, it will also be on your badge, otherwise it will be generic.

Several members, along with our musicians, will be staying overnight at the **Extended Stay America** (Weston Parkway/Harrison Avenue, Cary) afterwards. At less than \$100, it's certainly cheaper than a DUI.

Speaking of musicians, we are talking about Dave McKinney and Gary Green from Hungry Hard Luck Heroes and soloist Mike Nash! All are fun and well as talented entertainers. If you aren't familiar with them, go to your favorite social media site and check them out.

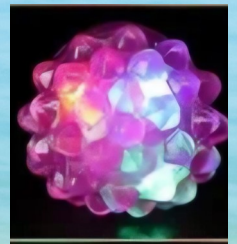
We are in full press mode when it comes to sponsorships. In order to receive the promised recognitions for stepping up with this support, information and money (cash, check or a VENMO transfer, have to be to Art or Laura-Leigh by **August 10th**.

Since our raffles are a huge draw, we're also looking for festive, themed, and decorated baskets. Of course, there will be a basket wrap get-together sometime during the week of the event for those who just can't get 'er done but want to show they've tried. The sooner we get these, the

better, so we can gauge what we're working with. Volunteers will also be requested/welcomed. Drop off locations will be announced soon.

We may need to borrow some folding tables in order to display our prizes too. A request for canopies (pop-up tents) is on hold, pending weather forecasts.

Jean is diligently working on having our event/sponsorship tee-shirts and banners printed. Once firmed up, she will bring us all up to date. (If this vendor proves to be a good fit, we will put out feelers for club merchandise too.) AGAIN, August 10 is the deadline to have sponsorship information included on these items.



We're planning on offering the "Heads or Tails" Game (sometimes referred to as the "Ring" Game, as another small way to raise additional funds. If you've never heard of it, just ask another member who's attended MRV before. It's easy, inexpensive and FUN!

One last note, for now: bring your bag chair(s), just in case it gets crowded and seating becomes a hot commodity. It's going to be a long day.



# MargαRALEIGHville 2024

Saturday, September 7th 3pm-9:30pm

Celebrating 30 years 1994-2024

837 Bass Pro Ln, Cary, NC



Party with a Purpose

Keep the Party Going

## Live music - Free Admission

3:00-6:00

**Hungry Hard Luck Heroes**

featuring Dave McKenney  
and Gary Green



6:30-9:30

**Mike Nash**

**Silent Auction \* Raffles \* 50/50 Raffles**



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## **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

### **JULY**

13<sup>th</sup>-26th-28th                      Pirates in the Harbour, Hanover PA

### **AUGUST**

2nd-4th                                10th PH Club of Richmond - 30th Anniversary Party, Glen Allen, VA

10<sup>TH</sup>                                      Monthly meeting at Rally Point—ONE month before MRV

30th-1st                                Keep the Party Going, Mansfield MA

### **SEPTEMBER**

7th                                        **MargaRALEIGHville, PHofNC Annual Party**  
**w/ Hungry Hard Luck Heroes and Mike Nash @ Rally Point Sport Bar, Cary**

12-15th                                **SOLD OUT**  
Throwback Shell Beach Party, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina PH Club (Myrtle Beach)

### **OCTOBER**

12th                                      Monthly meeting at Rally Point  
Jesse Rice @ Pondapalooza @ 6pm  
973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC  
(Home of Jackie Carter & Mark Griffith's home, Apex)

23rd-27th                              Meeting of the Minds, Gulf Shores, AL

### **November**

3rd                                        **Mac McAnally**, The Carolina Theatre of Durham

9th                                        Monthly meeting at Rally Point

### **December**

14<sup>th</sup>                                        **PHofNC Christmas Party- details TBA**



Each month Art will ask s different member to do the honor of leading the toast.  
This month's Team Drink was led by Kim Fulmer, the Birthday Girl!

**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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**PHofNC Mailing Address:**

Parrot Heads of North Carolina  
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Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

**Meeting and Social Location**

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://WWW.MARGARITAVILLE.COM/SHOP)