

## ***Tropical Topics*** – bare bones version – August 2025

Every Meeting:

- *Saturday meeting is at 3 pm at Rally Point Sport Bar, Harrison Avenue, Cary*
- *Please bring non-perishable food items to the meeting for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC*
- *Bring your collection of pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House*

### **Art:**

- PHofNC's mid-year report was submitted and accepted by PHiP
- PHiP is looking for volunteers to fill the positions of president and secretary on the national level.
- We are all awaiting to hear the selections for PHiP's 2025 Scholarship Award.
- Reminder that the date for MOTM registration close is just around the corner; those who want to attend must be approved by the club president as a "member in good standing" before the deadline on **September 15**.
- Art noted that he intends to submit the Tropical Times for the Golden Coconut Award this year. The winning club gets to allocate a monetary to the charity of their choice.
- \$500 check to Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC to help with needs after Hurricane was mailed
- Elections for 2026 officers – will those who expressed interest, please see Art so we can move forward
- MRV Sponsorship deadline for recognition on banner and t-shirt is **August 18**
- Jennifer, owner of Rally Point will be supporting us at MRV by providing meals (no drinks) to our musicians, giving back \$1/beer (her choice) to the event, and providing tables and a canopy.

### **Chloe:**

- Balance available is \$4,138.50
- Additional funds in bank are from Sponsorships and charity collections (50/50. Etc.)

### **Greg & Jean:**

- Membership count – still 97
- Some merchandise still available for sale after meeting at DISCOUNTED prices!
- MRV
  - shirt color will be in the coral family

- If you will be receiving a t-shirt(s) as a sponsor of MRV, please get your sizes to Art or Jean **BEFORE August 18**
- If you are interested in **purchasing** an event t-shirt, it is \$25, and please get your size(s) to Art or Jean **before August 18**
- Jean gave credit to Liz Losey for the artwork on the t-shirt

**L-L & Steve:**

- We still need
  - Canopies
  - Tables
  - Small gift items for the ring game
  - Fillers for the incomplete baskets
  - **VOLUNTEERS**
    - Clean-up
    - Raffle tickets / Basket overseers
    - Silent Auction
    - 50/50
    - ring game
    - jail/sheriff
- DONOR info (BUSINESS NAME, address, items in basket) needs to be included with basket donations for the TY/Tax receipt letter, as well as showing what's inside so the baskets don't get picked over
- Jennifer from Fairey Hair will be at MRV to make you sparkle; She will donate 25% to benefit our charities.

**Ginny:**

- Canes Game – early October (Poll on FB page to assess interest)
- MRV - *Not Adult Only but not dog- or child-friendly either – just too crowded*

**Lula Melisko led the team drink.**

**Chris Hearley won \$100 in the 50/50 and donated it back to the charity fund.**

## PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated August 2025

*\*\* denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

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

### AUGUST

- 8th **Donny Howard** at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)
- 9th **\*\*PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill
- 16th **JT Parrothead at the Lone Palm** (and Pool party), 1:00 pool opens, 5:00 Concert
- 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 plus Brad Brewer on Sax!*
- 14th Wheeland Brothers at the Pour House downtown Raleigh
- 16th **JT Parrothead at the Lone Palm** (and Pool party), 1:00 pool opens, 5:00 Concert
- 19th - 21st **Throwback Shell Beach Party**, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina Club  
[https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp\\_tickets/](https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp_tickets/)
- 20th **Kitty Steadman House Concert**  
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## OCTOBER

- 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
- 19th      **Carrie Welling and Liz Hopkins**  
8 pm at Bond Brothers in 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 – 8<sup>th</sup>      **Donnie Brewer's Mexico Meltdown 6**  
Margaritaville All-Inclusive Riviera Maya Cancun
- 13th      **\*\*PHofNC Christmas Party, Harryoke at the American Legion Fuquay-Varina**

## 2026

### JANUARY

- 10th      **\*\*PHofNC ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**  
**3:00 at Rally Point in Cary**
- 15-18      **Pardi-Gras, NOLA**  
[www.pardi-gras.com](http://www.pardi-gras.com)

### FEBRUARY

- 25<sup>th</sup> —Feb 1<sup>st</sup>      **Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club Cruise**  
Jerry [jyork@expediacruz.com](mailto:jyork@expediacruz.com)
- 25<sup>th</sup>—March 1      **Music on the Bay, Tampa**  
[Music on the Bay - Music on the Bay](#)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2      **Landsharks Band Cruise**  
[landsharkscruise.com/index.html](http://landsharkscruise.com/index.html)