

Tropical Topics - October 2025 (Scaled back version 😊)

Every Meeting:

- *Saturday meetings are usually at 3pm at Rally Point Sport Bar, Harrison Avenue, Cary. The October meeting was held an hour earlier at 2pm so members could more easily also attend Jackie Carter's Pondapalooza - Halloween House Concert with Jesse Rice at 4pm.*
- *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:

- A PHofNC 'Keet is once again the recipient of one of the three scholarships this year – second place for \$3,000. Art & Ginny are especially proud because it is their grandson, son of members Tom & Keri Markart, Keegan, a sophomore at NC State.
- MargaRALEIGHville was a huge success this year, with the total NET (that's after expenses) profit of **\$14,708.98**, that, along with the club's half of all 50/50 funds collected through December 2025, will be divided equally between Ronald McDonald House and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. **GREAT JOB** to all who planned, executed and participated this year.

50/50 winners of the two drawings were:

John & Arlene Fulp, new members

Linda McDonald, a staunch JT fan, who donated her half back to the charity fund

- Elections for 2026 officers – The following have offered to step-up for the following positions:

Chloe Barnett – Finance

Jimmy & Kay Campbell – Membership & Merchandise

However, still open are:

President (we can't have a club without a leader),

Communications, and

Events & Activities

If no one volunteers for these positions, we will be forced to notify PHiP that, after 31 years, PHofNC is no longer active. Although PHiP has by-laws that are available on their website, and PHofNC has their own set of by-laws for our specific club, Ginny mentioned that the new board does not have to do everything the way it has been done in previous years, and activities can be scaled back. A presentation by the new board at the Annual January Planning Meeting can outline their new approach.

- PHofNC submitted our votes for the two (2) PHiP BoD positions on the slate this year, after our board (all seven [7] members were present) discussion of candidates at the Throwback Shell Beach Party in Myrtle Beach.
- We received a thank you from the Food Bank for our \$500 donation for hurricane relief.
- The Tampa PH Club has announced that they've arranged for more hotels in the area to accommodate those interested in attending Music on the Bay (MOTB). Once registered, you can ask for that list.
- Next on our activities agenda is the Christmas Party. It will be on December 13, catered by J&S NY Pizza, at the Fuquay-Varina American Legion #116. Our very own Harry Zebroski will again DJ the event. The time and cost will be discussed at the next board meeting and announced at the next club meeting.

Ginny:

- Thank you / tax receipt letters for MargaRALEIGHville donations (sponsorships and Basket donations) were mailed to businesses and donors who live out of town; those for members were distributed at the meeting. With first class postage at \$.78 per letter, and the profits going to charity, we decided to save that expense and deliver it first hand and not first class. I will bring the “undelivered” letters to the next meeting.
- The club’s plans to attend the Hurricanes Margaritaville Game were cancelled due to the lack of interest – only 7 people responded with a “yes.” (I was the same night as Jackie’s Jesse Rice House Concert.) I was able to get a gig for JT Parrothead to play outside the stadium before the game however!
- Go to WorkingAdvantage.com (Company code: PHIP), an added perk of membership, for savings and rewards on health, wellness and travel.

Chloe:

- Total balance is \$20,184.
- Amount allocated to the charities is \$15,745.98 through October 11.

Greg & Jean:

- Membership count – 103, thanks to 5 new members who joined during MargaRALEIGHville

L-L & Steve:

- There’s still a long list of PH events scheduled through next year. See Laura-Leigh’s Calendar of Events at the end of this newsletter.

David Hall, in town for personal business, led the team drink.

Cheech (& Bonnie) won \$75 in the 50/50.

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PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated October 2025

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

MONTHLY PHofNC Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every month, 3:00pm at Rally Point, Cary, unless otherwise announced

OCTOBER

- 11th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 2pm, Rally Point Sport Grill
- 11th **Jesse Rice** (later in the afternoon and evening)
- Pondapalooza**—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC
- 16th **Carrie Welling at Broadsides and Brews** (Wake Forest) - 7 pm
- 17th **Carrie Welling and Tiffany Thompson**
The Muddy Creek Listening Room, Winston Salem (tickets required)
- 19th **Erica Sunshine Lee** at Pondapalooza - 4:00 - 7:00 (gates open at 2:00)
- 19th **Carrie Welling and Liz Hopkins** - 8 pm at Bond Brothers Eastside in Cary, NC (tickets required)
- 22nd - 26th **Meeting of the Minds**, Gulf Shores
<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 Fuquay-Varina**

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JANUARY

- 10th ****PHofNC ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**
- 15-18 **Pardi-Gras, NOLA**
www.pardi-gras.com

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 20-27th **Parrothead Cruise 2026** (Dominican Republic, St Thomas, BVI, Bahamas)
parrotheadcruise.com

APRIL

- 22-26th **Parrot Head Rendezvous** - Panama City Beach, FL
<https://panamacityphc.org/rendezvous/>

MAY

- 24-31st **BARMUDA Triangle - Mike Nash** - cruise from Boston to Nova Scotia to Bermuda
<https://www.tropications.com/boston-cruise>

JUNE

- 10-14th **A1A Beach Bash** - Amelia Island FL
<https://a1aparrotheads.org/beach-bash-2/>