

MARCH 2025

THANK YOU!

Tropical Topics

March is Member Appreciation Month

Each of us is an integral piece of the mosaic that makes up the Parrot Heads of North Carolina



image—both literally and figuratively. We are who we are and accomplish what we do because of each of YOU!

In the months going forward, we have lots on our calendar, most fun stuff (the party part of our motto), but there's also serious work ahead to repeat the success we had last year with our \$12,000 MargaRALEIGHville donation to Ronald

McDonald House Charities, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, and Sleep in Heavenly Piece (the purpose part.)

For now, though, revel in the successes we've shared over the past 30 years, and take advantage of some of the perks that come with membership: www.workingadvantage.com and 15% off most merchandise at: www.Margaritaville.com/shop Thanks for making us all look good!



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

MargaRALEIGHville 2025

The date of our first bed build for 2025 is **Saturday, May 17th, from 9-12, at the Kohl's parking lot in Fuquay-Varina.** You don't have to be handy, and no need to bring anything but yourself—in work clothes, as SiHP supplies all that is needed.

It's a GREAT feeling knowing that a child will get to feel a little more loved and special because he/she doesn't have to sleep on the floor anymore.

In the past we have gone for lunch afterward, so the party continues after the purpose is accomplished once again!

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 jai-alai, 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.

The planning has already begun...

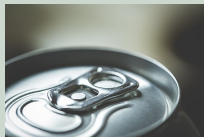
- It's NEVER too early to solicit **sponsorships or raffle donations for our MargaRALEIGHville event on September 13.** Many corporations have a matching fund program; this means that if you donate any amount, your company will also donate that amount to your cause. Also, many businesses allocate their 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** (Dave and Gary), with guest saxophonist, **Brad Brewer!**
- Liz Losey is once again designing the event artwork; flyers and sponsorship forms will be available very soon.

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 (3/8/25)

Charity Allocation: \$ 120.00

Balance on Hand: \$ 5,170.17

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.

This year we are focusing on donating non-perishable food, cleaning items and personal hygiene items to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, with our monetary donations going to Roanld McDonald House Charities and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please bring your donations to our monthly meeting.

Reminder



Join now

Membership Committee Report:

- Our membership numbers took a dip, as they always do, at the beginning of the new year. Having ended 2024 with 115 members, we began March with 91, but word is getting out, and a few are taking their role on the membership committee seriously. We welcomed three new members at the March meeting:
- Alain Kilbourne, who's already volunteered to help at our next Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build! (thanks, Paul Payne) and
- Greg and Cathy Smelik (thanks, Jeff and Jenice Hickman)

We are excited about getting to know each of you!

ST. PAT'S PARADE—MARCH 15

Due to all the restrictions and liabilities imposed on everyone marching in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, we **will not be participating** this year.

However, Rally Point Sport Grill will be celebrating with a first anniversary party...

Rally Point Sport Grill

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Party

MARCH 15TH 5-11PM

837 Bass Pro Ln. Cary, NC

Special Guest

DJ HANDSOME ROBB

*Face Painting
Photobooth*

*Yard Games
Raffles*

SCHOLARSHIP

Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP) Scholarship

PHIP Scholarship - Parrot Heads In Paradise

Three awards:

First: \$5,000

Second: \$3,000

Third: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY

Parrot Head Club Members and Children or
Wards of Parrot Head Club Members

CRITERIA

High School Graduates (or equivalent)
attending Post Secondary Schools

Please submit this form application along with
uploading your responses to both the Essay
& Question documents (linked below) by April
15, 2025 for the fall school year.

House Concerts

A house concert is an intimate musical performance presented in someone's home or a small private space such as a barn, apartment rec room, lawn, or backyard. Cash is collected at the show and goes directly to the performers, with no "profit motive" on the host's part. Due to both liability and financial considerations, PHofNC supports members who provide the venue for a house concert, but we do not directly host, sponsor or sanction them.

HAWAIIAN SHIRTS FOR DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

- HEROES IN HAWAIIAN SHIRTS

...is on a mission to send 100,000+ Hawaiian shirts & notes of encouragement to our deployed soldiers overseas to help boost morale, and **we wanna help!**



[Hawaiian Shirts - Hawaiian Shirts For Deployed Soldiers](#)

Ginny will be collecting **NEW**, or **like-new**, Hawaiian shirts at the **April 12th meeting** and coordinate the shipment with the organization's contact person in SC.

New shirts are a true gift, but if you have any like-new shirts hanging in your closet that will probably never fit again, a soldier will love it! Large and XL are most in demand, but our troops come in all shapes and sizes.

Please bring clean, ironed, and folded shirts to the next meeting—**include a**

personalized note of thanks and encouragement to make it extra special.

Along with the shirts, snacks & fun extras like games and luau decorations will be included before shipping them overseas. Believe me, it will make their day!

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

PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated March 2025

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

MARCH

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

15th **Rally Point Anniversary Party!** 5:00 - 11:00
(Celebrate Jennifer's 1-year ownership)

16th-23rd **Atlanta Parrot Head Cruise**
Sails out of LA www.parrotheadcruise.com

APRIL

5th **Hungry Hard Luck Heros w/ Doyle Grisham & Scott Nickerson**
Hanover Vegetable Farm near Richmond VA

11th **Wheeland Brothers**
Bowstring Burgers and Brewery, Wilmington NC

12th * ***PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3:00 Rally Point (DONATE Tropical Shirts!)

19th **Bullock Beach Music Blast**, Bullock NC
Jim Quick & Coastline and The Konnections

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

26th **Feeding Frenzy** - Emerald Isle PH Club
<https://emeraldisleparrotheads.com/>

27th ****Walk to De-Feet Dementia**, Fenton, Cary 1:00-4:00
work raffle tables; walk with our team

MAY

10th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3:00 RallyPoint

17th ****Sleep In Heavenly Peace**

Bed Building Event 9 am Kohl's parking lot Fuquay
18th **Lone Palm House Concert** - Peter and Brendan Mayer
(LL & Steve's in Wake Forest)

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

JUNE

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

14th * ***PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3:00 RallyPoint

28th **Lone Palm House Concert - Carrie Welling**
(LL & Steve's in Wake Forrest)

JULY

12th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 RallyPoint**
20th **Lone Palm House Concert - Bryton Stoll**
(LL & Steve's in Sake Forrest)

AUGUST

8th Donny Howard at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)
9th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 RallyPoint**

SEPTEMBER

13th ****MargaRaleighVille, PHofNC Annual Party**
with JT ParrotHead 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 **Pondapalooza - Kitty Steadman, Truck Driver's Daughter Tour (Jackie's)**
27th **Pondapalooza - Mike Nash** (Jackie's venue in Apex)

OCTOBER

11th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social - 3:00 RallyPoint**
11th **Pondapalooza - Jesse Rice** (later afternoon and evening)
22nd - 26th **Meeting of the Minds, Gulf Shores AL**
<https://motm.rocks/>
28th - 2nd **TropRockin' Duval Street, Key West FL**
<https://www.beachfrontentertainment.com/>

NOVEMBER

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

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**

REFERENCE SHEET

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

This month Chris Hearley led the Team Toast.

The 50/50 pot held \$120 with half going to Jim Mills!

♦ **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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♦ **PHofNC Mailing Address:**

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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