

MAY
2025

Tropical Topics

Looking Ahead...

After thanking everyone for coming on such a beautiful Saturday afternoon, and wishing all who earned the title a Happy Mother's Day, Art called attention to the fact that is not too early to start considering your role in next years club operations. Our club is structured with the following positions:

- **President** (currently Art)
- **Vice-president / Communications** (currently Ginny)
- **Finance** (currently Chloe)
- **Membership and Merchandise** (currently Jean & Greg)
- **Events and Activities** (currently Laura-Leigh & Steve)

Chloe has offered to continue as Finance chair, and a few others, Jeff Losey and Deena Perillo, have expressed an interest in stepping up; most recently Jimmy & Kay Campbell shared that they are considering the role of membership co-chairs. There are still a few open positions however, and current officers are ready and willing to walk you through the responsibilities of their position.

If you are interested in helping to steer our ship, please let us know asap. If there are more than one person interested in the same position, we will schedule an election—a great problem to have!



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

Making a difference in our community!

The date of our first bed build for 2025 is Saturday, May 17th from 9-12, in the parking lot of **Ting Stadium, 101 Sportsmanship Way, Holly Springs.**

Many hands make light work, and we will be joining staff from *Sterling Fox Financial* that day.

During this event, we will convert raw lumber in to beds for kids who otherwise sleep on the couch or even the floor every night. A child who doesn't get a good night's sleep cannot learn. It's fun and a chance to bond with other Parrot Heads (in the past, several have gone to lunch together at a local eatery afterward—there are many in that area.) So, put it on your calendar, and join us for a fun day of cutting, sanding, drilling, and assembling beds. You can choose a station and even rotate between them as well.

Please use this link below to sign-up and sign the waiver beforehand; you will be asked to sign a waiver as well.

[5/17/2025 - Build Day with Sterling Fox Financial](#)



MargaRALEIGHville 2025

Every year PHs man the raffle table, which means setting up tables under a canopy, selling tickets, drawing names and posting winners. This year, on April 27, we also provided a Team to participate in the walk. Even after a weekend of live music at the Emerald Isle PHC Feeding Frenzy, we had about a dozen members show up and donated **\$618 of the \$102,000** raised for the cause, earning position #15 on their donor list.

[2025 Triangle Walk to Defeat Dementia | Details](#)

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.

Both the **SiHP Bed-Building** and the **Walk to DeFeet Dementia** event hours count!

The planning well under way. Sponsorship letters and forms are ready. All forms and letters will be mailed out in an email this week. In asking, the worst that can happen is you'll hear, "sorry, no." The BEST outcome would be a sponsorship check! ...so please at least ask.

- **Start thinking about who you might approach for an event sponsorships or raffle donation for our 2025 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. *Thank you, Bruce Shepherd, our first sponsor for 2025!*
- **Start talking it up!** It is once again at Rally Point Sport Bar, where we hold our meetings, and 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!**

Yes, it's four (4) months away, but **IT'S ONLY FOUR MONTHS AWAY.** Your participation will help determine the outcome.

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

If you're a new member and haven't received your PHofNC badge, please submit a headshot to PHofNCComm@gmail.com.



Also, request to join our members only FB page: PHofNC Phlocking. Our Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB page is open to the public.

Treasury Update (5/10/25)

Balance on Hand:	\$ 5,054.09
Cash available:	\$ 4,609.09

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.

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! [Meeting of the Minds](#)

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 you and our website and FB pages are reaching the masses; May's number remains at 95.

Parrot Head Reef

a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise & Eternal Reefs

The Parrot Head Reef will be dedicated Monday, September 1, 2025, two years after the passing of music's beloved Jimmy Buffett, a passionate ocean conservation advocate. The reef will be located off Key West, one of Jimmy's most famously favorite and storied cities.

The marine area will become a dedicated space for underwater memorials featuring individual reef balls containing plaques paying homage to the original beach lover and ocean advocate. The reef will be comprised of two sizes of reef balls, ranging in size from about 600 to 1,600 pounds, and each will feature an 8-inch circular bronze plaque, custom designed by each entity which purchases the memorial.

The project is a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP), a network of more than 200 social and charitable clubs around the United States, Canada, Europe, Caribbean and Australia, along with Eternal Reefs, the Sarasota-based creative environmental memorial non-profit, dedicated to placing living legacies that help preserve the marine environment for future generations.

The Parrot Head Reef will be located in a site permitted by Florida's Monroe County that is .25 acres square. The location, 21 miles off Key West in 46 feet of water, is outside the sanctuary boundary and will feature a dedicated space to honor Jimmy Buffett and a cause he held so dear – ocean preservation.

While anyone may purchase a memorial, pricing preference will be given to PHiP members and clubs. In the week leading up to September 1, the completed memorials will be displayed in Key West for viewing by individuals and clubs. Pending weather, the first memorials in the Parrot Head Reef will be deployed, targeting a September 1 date. Dates are weather contingent.

(This article was taken verbatim from the PHiP website on the subject.)

For additional information and forms go to:

<https://www.eternalreefs.com/home/parrot-head-reef/>

FOLLOW-UP ON PHiP REEF:

While a few changes were made to the original offer, such as relocating the reef from 21 to 10 miles off-shore, the PHofNC Board voted not to participate, choosing instead to support the charities that were selected at our annual January Business meeting.

30 Shirt

**...and a Note for Each Pocket...
for our Heroes in Hawaiian Shirts**



Hawaiian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers is on a mission to send 100,000+ Hawaiian shirts along with notes of encouragement to our deployed soldiers overseas to help boost morale, and **we helped!**

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

The PHofNC response to this request was a whopping 30 shirts collected—washed (or dry cleaned), ironed, folded, packed and mailed. **Nice Job!** A letter of thanks and encouragement from the club for each shirt was also included.

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

PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated May 2025

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

MAY

10th

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

17th

****Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Building Event**, 9am—Noon;
Ting Stadium, 101 Sportsmanship Way, Holly Springs

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://aiaparrotheads.org/beach-bash-2/>

14th *

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

19th-22nd

BOBAL Fest 2025

Eastern Tennessee (Tall Paul & Kristie, Heather Vidal, Drop Dead Dangerous)

28th

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

JULY

12th

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

20th

Lone Palm House Concert - Bryton Stoll
(LL & Steve's in 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 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** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

11th

Pondapalooza - Jesse Rice (later afternoon and evening)

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

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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**

JANUARY

25TH—February 1st

Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club Cruise

Jerry York—jyork@expediacruz.com

REFERENCE SHEET

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

This month Wilma Guy led the Team Toast.

The 50/50 pot held \$96, with half going to Cindy Morgan, visiting from Punta Gorda!

♦ **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:**

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