

# NOVEMBER 2025

## Tropical Topics

### We Have A Club!

- Yes, There Will Be A PHofNC in 2026

**W**e are only as strong as our weakest link" and the overall strength of our club is determined by its least effective member, and there is nothing more important than teamwork and support, as each individual's participation impacts the success of the whole group.

Our president-elect for 2026-28 is Paul Payne, and we all owe him an enthusiastic "Thank You!" for keeping PHofNC going. With Paul at the helm, Chloe Barnett will remain as Treasurer, Jimmy & Kay Campbell will take on the role of Membership and Merchandise Co-Directors (taking over for Jean & Greg Erlemann). Positions still open are VP/Communications Director (currently Ginny Markart), and Events and Activities Director (currently Laura-Leigh & Steve Rowlette).

If no one steps up for these two roles, some vital responsibilities will fall on Paul to do himself, delegate, change or eliminate completely. Join the team and help us be the best we can be.

Each new board member will assume the duties of the position at the January 10, 2026, meeting after the presentation of a check for the funds collected all year for out charities, Ronald McDonald House and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and a quick overview of our 2025 accomplishments.

## Christmas Party Registration:

Name(s) of Attendees	Total Number of Members Attending	\$35.00/person +	Discounted Dues Renewal (\$30/family or \$20/individual) =	Total Due:
1.				
2.				

 <p><b>Parrot Heads of North Carolina</b></p>	<p>2026 Membership Form <b>PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY</b></p>
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**PHoNC**  
**c/o Chloe Barnett**  
**107 Beaver Pine Way**  
**Cary, NC 27511**

**DO NOT MAIL TO PO BOX**

**Membership Dues:**

Each family membership (dues) per household includes a couple and 'keets under 21 living at the same address.

Dues are prorated based on when you initiate your membership as follows:

*\*Memberships must be renewed by January 31st each year to avoid removal from club communications.*

January – March	\$35 Family / \$25 Single
April – June	\$30F / \$20S
July – September	\$25F / \$15S
October – December	\$20F / \$10S

**Member Information** (print ALL information clearly) Required of renewals as well as new members to ensure current information is on file.

Name			
Spouse's Name			
Address			
City			
State			
ZIP Code			
Phone—home		Phone—cell	
		Spouse's cell	
E-Mail		Spouse's E-mail	

# Parrot Heads of North Carolina Christmas Party

**December 13, 2025**

**6-10pm**

**RSVP by  
Monday,  
December 1  
NO Exceptions**



**Please bring a  
new, unwrapped  
toy for  
US Veterans Corps'  
*Toys for 'Lil  
Troops***

**Party Reservation—\$35 p/p**

**Discounted 2026 Membership renewals with party payment**

***Family \$30 / Single \$20 = \$100/couple or \$55/single***

**{PLEASE submit a new, attached, UPDATED membership form}**

*Cash in person, VENMO (PHofNC Art Markart, #8260),  
or check payable Parrot Heads of North Carolina  
(Mail to Chloe Barnett, PHofNC, 107 Beaver Pine Way, Cary, NC 27511*

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**Includes an Entre, Salad, and Desert),**

**with a private CASH bar (same Bartender as last year!)**

**Please TIP your bartender well.**



**Entertainment by “Harryoke”**

**PHofNC's own DJ Harry Zebroski**

**American Legion Post 116  
6400 Johnson Pond Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526**



## ...more details about the 2026 Christmas Party...

While most details are on the previous pages, I'll reiterate them here and add a few additional specifics.

- \* The party is for members only on **December 13th, from 6-10 pm.**
- \* Location:  
**American Legion 116  
6400 Johnson Pond Road  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526**  
same as last year, we are in the building on right as you pull in—they have added parking, but the Army/Navy game will be on in the main building, so the lots may still be packed.
- \* Registration AND payment **deadline is December 1, no exceptions.**
- \* **Cost—\$35 p/p for dinner**
- \* **Membership renewal** is discounted by \$5, if paid with Christmas party payment:  
**\$30 for families; \$20 for singles.**  
(Total/Couple = \$100.00  
Total/Single = \$55.00)
- \* Payment may be in **cash**, via **VENMO** (PHofNC Art Markart #8260)—do not mark as a sale or business transaction, we get charged a fee!), or **check**, and mailed to **Chloe Barnett, 107 Beaver Pine Way, Cary, NC 27511—NOT the PO Box!**
- \* **Completed renewal forms must accompany the payments,** especially important with an new

incoming board.

- \* A **full meal** by J&S NY Pizza Italian Restaurant is included, same menu as last year as everyone raved about it (salad, entre, and dessert).
- \* We have a private **OPEN BAR** right in the party room, and Jessie May will again be our personal bartender.
- \* Entertainment will be "**Harryoke**" and music by our own **Harry Zebroski and his fiancée' Kristene Hyden**. From what I hear, a really good time was had by all last year thanks to these professionals. (I was sick and couldn't attend.)
- \* The only thing you may need cash for that night is tips for the bartender and the entertainers; please tip well.
- \* Please **don't drink and drive**. For anyone interested in hiring an Uber or using Fuquay Transportation to get you safely to a nearby hotel after drinking all night, the following are the closest:
  - Holiday Inn Express, Holly Springs—6.5 miles
  - Quality Inn, Fuquay-Varina—2.5 miles(PHofNC is not reserving a block of rooms, so it is up to you to reserve the room of your choice.)
- \* There were three (3) unclaimed baskets after MargaRALEIGHville in September. The board voted to give each member one (**FREE**) **raffle ticket** as they enter the party. Three tickets will be drawn at some point during the night, and one basket will go to each winner.
- \* Please bring a **new, unwrapped toy(s)**, that will be distributed to the US Veteran Corps' Toys for 'Lil Troops by the American Legion Auxiliary, as in years past.

## Charities for 2026

Every year in January PHofNC holds our Annual Planning Meeting. On the agenda is selecting the charities that will receive the funds we raise all year. The new board will decide how many charities will be supported, but you, our members, will vote on which ones will benefit.

Maybe there's a charity near and dear to your heart that is new to the rest of us, but you'd like the club to consider it as a recipient for this year...or maybe with the national changes and rising unemployment, you may want to support the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC with monetary donations as well as food collections. Any charity is eligible.

You're asked to make a brief presentation of what your charity does, or you can have a representative come to the meeting to tell us about what they do.

If selected, you will become the liaison and organize any events that they may need our help with, and when appropriate, invite them to attend our event or meeting to help their cause raise funds.

Help us decide who will receive the money we raise all year.



*Due to the Federal Government shutdown and its impact on so many...*

*"I said 'Somebody should do something about that.' Then I realized I am somebody."*

Lily Tomlin

While we voted at January 2025 planning meeting to support the Food Bank with donations of non-perishable food but not financially this year, this is another unusual circumstance.

IN July we donated \$500 after Hurricane Chantal, but the Board voted at Thursday's Board meeting to send the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC an additional \$300. This brings our financial support to the Food Bank to \$800 for 2025.

*"If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved."*

— Bono

## Additional Meeting Notes...

Art welcomed everyone and wished a Happy Veteran's Day to all PHofNC veterans. He added a thank you to the families and friends of those who served and made a special kind of sacrifice through their support and prayers.

He also thanked those who attended MOTM and Trop Rockin' Duval this month. By posting photos of their adventures we were able to live vicariously and share a part of their good times.

With two friends of Jim & Caroline McCarthy signing up at the meeting, we now have 104 members.

**Financial Report:** Art has emphasized complete transparency in all the board had done over the past two years, and, as always, details of any and all treasury reports are available through Chloe.

Funds allocated to 2025 Charities: **\$15,810.00**

Funds currently available: **\$ 4,311.00**

Not included are the \$75. from this month's 50/50 and the income and expenses for the Christmas Party.

## POST OFFICE BOX

The current PO Box in Fuquay-Varina runs out mid- December, days after the Christmas Party, so, to ensure a smooth registration for the event and membership renewal, please mail your checks and club renewal forms to:

**Chloe Barnett,  
PHofNC  
107 Beaver Pine Way  
Cary, NC 27511**

The preferred mailing address for the upcoming (2026) year will be decided and announced by the incoming board.

## POP-TABS

Continue to bring your pop-tabs to our monthly meetings. Laura-Leigh has offered to drop them off at RMDH as she works nearby.

*Please continue to thank & patronize our sponsors from MargaRALEIGHville 2025.*

*They are a huge part of our success!*

# MargaRALEIGHville 2025 Sponsors



## *Platinum Margarita Benefactor*



*Bruce  
Shepherd*



## *Golden Coconut Patron*



Art & Ginny Markart

Jimmy & Kay Campbell



Greg & Jean Erlemann

Cheech Barona & Bonita Fuller



## *Lost Shaker of Salt Champion*



Steve & Laura-Leigh Rowlette Jim & LaRue Mills Alan & Janice Hendrix

Marc & Lula Melisko Michelle & Darren Harris Joyce Tynes



## *Cheeseburger Advocate*

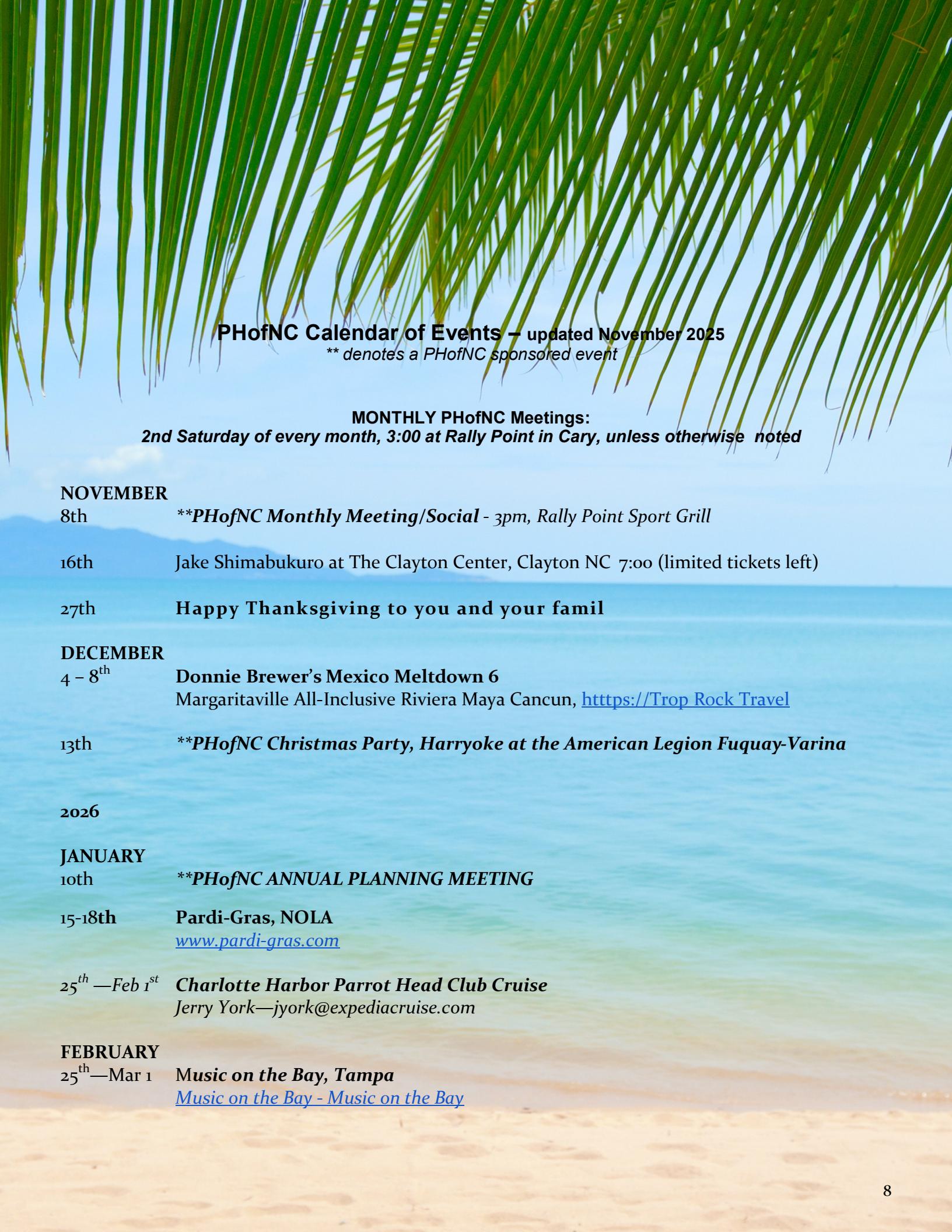


Chloe Barnett Carolina Commercial Cleaning Tom & Keri Markart

Tim & Beth Cross Peggy Lee Paul & Debbie Eberle

Maureen Wehnt Benfield Tim & Katie Gillespie

Ellen Andrews Jeff & Liz Losey



## PHoFNC Calendar of Events – updated November 2025

\*\* denotes a PHoFNC sponsored event

### MONTHLY PHoFNC Meetings:

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

#### NOVEMBER

8th            \*\***PHoFNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

16th           Jake Shimabukuro at The Clayton Center, Clayton NC 7:00 (limited tickets left)

27th           **Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family**

#### DECEMBER

4 – 8<sup>th</sup>      **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**

#### 2026

#### JANUARY

10th           \*\***PHoFNC ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**

15-18th       **Pardi-Gras, NOLA**  
[www.pardi-gras.com](http://www.pardi-gras.com)

25<sup>th</sup> —Feb 1<sup>st</sup>   **Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club Cruise**  
                  Jerry York—jyork@expediacruise.com

#### FEBRUARY

25<sup>th</sup> —Mar 1   **Music on the Bay, Tampa**  
[Music on the Bay - Music on the Bay](http://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)

**MARCH**  
20-27th

**Parrothead Cruise 2026** (Dominican Republic, St Thomas, BVI, Bahamas)  
[parrotheadcruise.com](http://parrotheadcruise.com)

**APRIL**  
19th **Carrie Welling at Pondapalooza**

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

**MAY**  
9th **Mike Nash at Pondapalooza**

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

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

**Stay tuned; there's more to come!**

# REFERENCE SHEET

Each month Art asks a different member to do the honor of leading the team toast; this month Debbie Eberle had the honor.

The 50/50 shark bucket held \$150 worth of 50/50 donations, with half going to Laura-Leigh (& Steve?) Rowlette!

- ◆ **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:**

Art Markart	<a href="mailto:phofncpres@gmail.com">phofncpres@gmail.com</a>
Ginny Markart	<a href="mailto:phofnccomm@gmail.com">phofnccomm@gmail.com</a>
Chloe Barnett	<a href="mailto:phofnccfinance@gmail.com">phofnccfinance@gmail.com</a>
Jean & Greg Erlemann	<a href="mailto:phofnccmembership@gmail.com">phofnccmembership@gmail.com</a>
Laura-Leigh & Steve Rowlette	<a href="mailto:phofnceanvents@gmail.com">phofnceanvents@gmail.com</a>

- ◆ **PHofNC Mailing Address:**

Chloe Barnett, PHofNC, 107 Beaver Pine Way, Cary, NC 27511

- ◆ **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)

- ◆ **Check out [www.workingadvantage.com](http://www.workingadvantage.com) for additional benefits of membership**