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## Emerald Coast PHC Coastal Chronicles

What is it like being a parrothead along the Emerald Green waters of the Gulf Coast?

There are people who have lived here all their life and there are people who moved here to live the beach life, there are people who moved here to escape their conscious and there are people who moved here to get away from their ex...but that's another story.

Do you ever hear of anyone saying, "You know Doris, I really am tired of living close to these beaches, being able to listen to some of the best music anywhere and eat delicious, fresh seafood any day of the week. Let's move back to Buffalo".

We are here because we chose to be. Why are you a parrothead? I often ask myself that same question but it's usually after a night of debauchery, and degeneracy.

We are here because we chose to be. We come from different parts of the country, from different social-economical status, different political views and religion..."religion! religion! There's a thin line between Saturday night and Sunday morning".

So, What's it like being a parrothead? It's the most phun you can have for those few hours, laughing and joking, bragging and squawking, singing and dancing and still go home with clothes on! They may be someone else's but again...that's another story!

Every other week we gather, like a phlock of birds. Hmmm...Parrots. We laugh, we cry (usually only happens when beer is spilled), we sing and we dance and we can sometimes get a little crazy. "If we weren't all crazy, we would go insane". Yep! We can get a little crazy but on this rock we call earth, isn't a little crazy a good thing every now and then? "We are the people, our parents warned us about".

WE HAVE PHUN. And if you can't have fun in life then what are you gonna do? Move back to Buffalo?

We do know how to party. We also know how to "Party with a Purpose". We gather and spend our Washington's on boat drinks, tip our musician friends, pay for kisses from cupid, wink wink... but we also do good for our community. We raise money for charity. And it's not just a few bucks here and there. It's thousands!!! When it's time to pass the bucket, or sand pail as is the case when you live by the beach, we don't disappoint.

Time is precious to all of us. But we sure do give it. We volunteer in our community. We pitch in to keep our beaches beautiful. We help out to keep the club at even keel. We're at local events selling beer. We are always there to lend a feathered wing at our phriends request.

We live in a beautiful place and being a parrothead helps to enhance this Gulf Coastal lifestyle and the place we call home.

"You can hear it on the coconut telegraph", but trying to put the happenings of this phlock of parrots in writing is pure insanity! It's hard to believe 3 months have already come and set sail.

Southern Latitude and a Tropical Attitude

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## Statement of Purpose

The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club was established to promote social and civic activities for people with similar interests, centered around the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett's music.



ECPHC IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION THAT SUPPORTS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES AS WELL AS MANY LOCAL AND NATIONAL CHARITIES THROUGH BOTH FUND RAISING AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES. OUR CLUB RAISES ABOUT \$15,000 FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES EVERY YEAR!



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“I HAVE FOUND ME A HOME” J.BUFFETT

A new year, a new board and an all new location.

Brian and Sue have welcomed us to their little spot in Destin we like to call *Land-shark's*. We completely took over, like a Krewe of rum soaked pirates.

Landshark's is more than a sports bar. The beer is always cold, the wings are always good and the staff are always glad to see ya.

We are there the second Friday of every month. Come join the party!!!

*“Is it ignorance or apathy? Hey man, I don't know and I don't care”  
Jimmy Buffett*



## PHLOCKING? WHAT IS A PHLOCKING?

Phlocking, or Flocking?

First of all...we parrotheads prefer to substitute PH for any word starting with F. Thus Flocking becomes PHlocking. Parrot talk as we call it.

A PHlocking occurs when you gather a group of birds together for foraging or flight. They, birds, more specially PARROTS, gather together to pursue similar interests.

And that my PHine PHeathered PHriends is what we do!!!

We get together on the 4th PHriday of the month to share similar interests. We consume mass quantities, we squawk to whoever will listen and we shake our tail pheathers to the Trop Rock sound with the beat.

Traditionally it is the responsibility of the clubs vice president to secure a location to host this outstanding group of PHeathered PHilanthropists.

As anyone who has every taken on this responsibility can attest, this is not always easy.

We should all send a shout out to the Vice President, Suzanne. She has worked diligently to PHind us some places to gather on that 4th PHriday of every month. In PHact the entire year is set. HOORAY!!!

Not only the PHlockings, but some PHun events are planned throughout the year. So keep you parrot ears open and be prepared for a year of PHun.

**Birds of a PHeather must Phlock together!**





Providing Services for Children and Adults with Intellectual, Developmental and other Disabilities throughout Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa Counties.

"To create a path from disability to capability"

Our clients are children and adults with Down Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Our services

Birth to Three intervention  
Adult Day Training  
Residential Services  
Children's Center  
Employment Services.

## PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Party? Yup! We know how to party. But guess what? We support our community too.

Party with a purpose means giving back. At every meeting, at every phlocking, we are raising funds to support local charities. We do this through all types of raffles. We do it through specific donation requests and we do it by sponsoring fundraising events. Over the years we have raised well over \$100,000 for charity.

**Some of the charities who have benefitted in the philanthropic efforts of the Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club**

Waterfront Rescue Mission, Relay for Life, NWF State College, Alaqua, Fisher house, Sharing and Caring, USO, Children in Crisis, Ft. Walton Beach Developmental Center, Horizons, The Red Cross, other Parrothead Clubs crisis needs, and many more

**If we aren't donating our money we are donating our time.**

One person who gave of his money and time was John Gardner. Cap't John loved life. He lived it to the fullest. He was a lot like Cap't Tony of Key West and Last Mango in Paris fame.

Larger than Life. John could brighten any room with a hearty , Aaaarr!!!! We have supported The Waterfront Rescue mission for many years. Cap't John Gardner usually spearheaded those efforts . He always went above and beyond whatever the club was able to donate. Cap't John was one of our most favorite phriends. He gave to many charities, Relay for Life was also one of his special charities. Last year we honored the legacy of this outstanding gentleman by naming our annual volunteer of the year award the , John Gardner, Volunteer of the Year Award.



## JAN AND KENNY



### LOCAL LEGENDS!!!!!!

The Emerald Coast Parrothead Club is pretty lucky!

We are fortunate to have the talents of Jan Patton and Kenny Lange at our disposal. Jan and Kenny are members of the ECPHC and are trop rockers in their own right.

These guys have played all over the Emerald Coast. We get to hear them several times a year at our meetings, phlockings and in parades. They are also regulars at KC's Sandbar.

We can always count on Jan and Kenny to entertain us and make us feel right at home. You won't be able to hold back. Soon you'll be singing and laughing right along with them.



## SINGER OF SONGS, TELLER OF TALES



When a social group centers around the songs and life style of a certain fun-loving, frozen concoction making, shrimp eating, rum drinking island loving parrot we call Bubba, you better bring music to the party!

Trop Rock is a preference amongst Parrotheads. We like the songs of too much tequila, fun in the sun, boats, bars and beer.

We , along the Emerald Coast ,are fortunate to have many good musicians in the area. We also have no problem asking them to come enjoy our beautiful beaches for a few days and by the way, do you mind singing a song or two?



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, JULIE WILSON

ECPHC, if you haven't met our new member Julie Wilson, you should.

Julie and her husband Richard have been here for 3 years. Julie works for the Okaloosa Co. Property Appraiser as the HR/CAMA Database Manager.

Julie and Richard have been married for 27 years and have 3 children.

"We heard about the EC Parrotheads and knew we needed to be a part of this organization." Julie has brought several PHriends with her to join in the Phun.

"We love Jimmy Buffett music and enjoying an occasional adult beverage, so this group is perfect for us!!"



## STAYING ALIVE

**LEARN CPR**  
You Can Do It!

On March 30th, 10 of your own learned how to save the life of someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

These parrotheads can now perform CPR to our phlock should the need arise.

It was a full 2 hour class with a whole lot of chest compressing, rescue breaths and germ prevention. **Great Job Guys!!!**





## PARROTHEADS STRUTTING IN PARADES

There is nothing as colorful as a parrot. Unless it's an ECPHC Parrothead!

We have already participated in 3 Mardi Gras Parades this year and we are only 3 months into the year. You guys are amazing!

We started the parade season on January 16 with a Mardi Gras Parade on Okaloosa Island. It is always lot's of phun and since it's the first of the season, we spend some time decorating our float. Debbie and Ron Peterson work really hard to decorate and insure our float is parade worthy. And it was! Over 30 members showed up and showed off.

This year marked our return to Navarre for an even longer parade than the island. Those folks in Navarre know how to party. Some of them set up the night before. It was insane. Apparently some of our parrotheads know how to party too. Thank God for those DD's.

Our last parade of Mardi Gras was at Harborwalk. No float here but we did have a cute little golf cart. We arrived early to get in "Parade form". Once again over 30 strong, strutting along the harbor. Beautiful!



## *LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER !!!*

### A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The Emerald Coast Parrotheads are beyond incredible.

These 3 months have been a blur of the most ridiculous, outrageous, outlandish, bizarre behavior ever witnessed. I apologize. "It's your own damn fault".

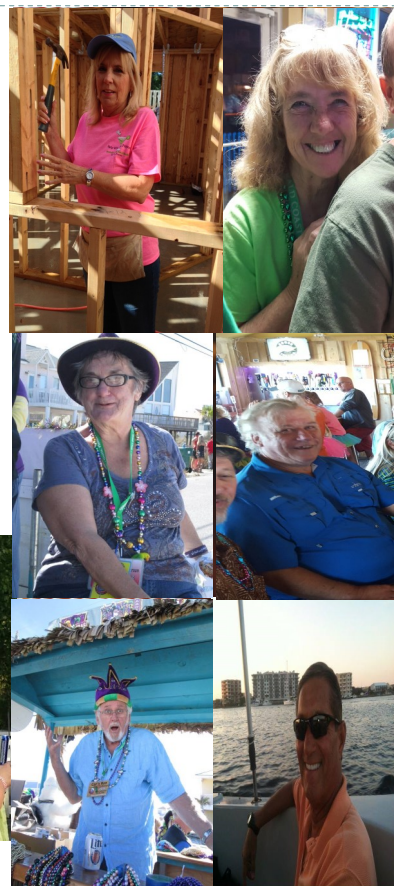
We have caught an awesome wave and you better hold on tight. We have 9 more months, if my liver can hold out.

We do like to have phun. And it's because of every single one of you. We are on one helluva roll.

But I also would be remiss if I didn't thank the efforts of one of the best boards ever assembled.

We have; Suzanne McBride, Vice President; Judi Fraser, Treasurer; Debbie Peterson, Secretary; Carl Duesterbeck, member at large; Ron Peterson, member at large; Skip OverDier, member at large.

Were it not for these polks, none of the things we have done would be possible. Be sure to tell them thanks or better yet, buy them a beer !!!!



## PENSACOLA

### BUSHWACKER

4 oz cream of coconut

2 oz Kahlua® coffee liqueur

1 oz Bacardi® black rum

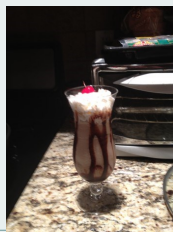
1 oz creme de cacao

4 oz half-and-half

vanilla ice cream

Pour all ingredients into a blender (ice cream optional) with two cups of ice, blend until mixed.

Serve in a hurricane glass.



## PARROTHEAD SWAG



We have new merchandise!!!

Cool caps, slick visors, and colorful tshirts

Available for purchase

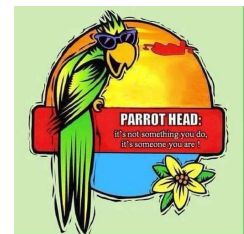
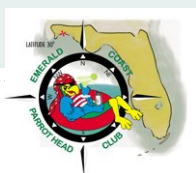


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