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The Prattling Parrot

GALVESTON BAY IS A WHOLE OTHER WORLD

1st Place
2021 PHiP
Newsletter
Contest



GBPHC Finishes 2023 Hawaiian Style

2023 may have been tragic for Parrotheads but also saw Riddles in the Sand celebrating its 26th year with one of the most enjoyable events ever, the Bayou Bubba Chili Cookoff, both a Bunny Hop and a Turkey Trot pub crawls, a Phin Phest and a team that placed in the top 10 at this year's Galveston Bay Area Alzheimer's Walk. To celebrate, event chair Melody Avants and her team organized a memorable party at the Elks Lodge in Kemah on December 8th with all the usual Christmas trimmings but with a tropical flair.



For the musical entertainment, once again Wake Zone, a high energy party band was ideal for the occasion. Jenni Hess delighted the full house of Parrotheads by effortlessly handling a variety of classic rock hits.. But this time there was more as Donny Brewer came early to open the show with his own trop rock originals as well as Buffett favorites.



About Us

Sipping a margarita under a colorful umbrella, listening to the best trop rock musicians, helping our communities and to preserve the bay and beach we love, we're the Galveston Bay Parrothead Club, 2010 and 2018 PHiP Golden Coconut Award winners. Join us at <http://gbphc-club.com/membership/>

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The Prattling Parrot is edited by Stephen Woods.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the newsletter. If you have something Parrothead related that you'd like to submit, please send it to me at bsw0652@gmail.com.

GBPHC Happy Hours

January 5 — David Schwope — Luckystroke Putt Club



Christmas Party (Cont.)

As is our practice, there were year-end awards to give out, and this year's winners of Golden Coconut awards for dedicated service to the club were Jackie Snider, Charlie Bukowski and Matt and Kelly Railean. Theresa Fleming and Jay Jorns won "Fruitcake" awards for their club spirit and enthusiasm.



The party was also a success from a fund raising standpoint with this year's proceeds of \$1,945 in cash and gift cards benefitting the Galveston Blue Santa program just in time for Christmas shopping.

Galveston Parrotheads Become Elves for a Day

A group from GBPHC joined the Galveston Blue Santa volunteers to sort, pick and wrap gifts at Lighthouse Charity Team Operations Center.

Sgt Jovan Harris and her team of volunteers spent a week of sorting, packing, picking, wrapping and delivering. At weeks end they had fulfilled 450 applications for over 1200 kids on Galveston Island.



GBPHC presented \$3,000 to Lighthouse Charity from various fundraisers and gave Galveston PD Blue Santa program gift cards totaling \$1,645 plus \$300 cash collected at the Christmas party.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this Christmas a merry one for some deserving kids and their families.

Trip Around the Sun

The following members are celebrating birthdays in December:

- 12/2 – Tammy Jamison
David (UHID) Johnson
Pati (Miss Mermaid Pati) Lott
Dee Randolph
Perry Seeberger
- 12/3 – Kristin (A Beach Girl 74) Majewski
- 12/4 – Missy (Maui Miss) Hendrickson
Linda (Hot Lips) Quinty
- 12/5 – Chris Hale
Dave (Cooler Dave) Spenny
- 12/6 – Myra Phelps
- 12/7 – Mary Hohman
Jeff McClure
Renee Siewers
- 12/9 – Bruce Kasper
- 12/10–Jim (Green Chili Mon) Martin
Pam Saddler
- 12/11–Dave Hanson
Lisa (Pink Flamingal) Spinks
- 12/12- Ashley Crispin
Donald Graves
Connie (Cancun Connie) Piotrowski
- 12/13 -Timothy Chauvin
Kristine (Skinny Dipper) Eads
Susan Flower
Eddie (The Beachcomber) Spinks
- 12/14–Darby Ledbetter
Lisa (Pacific Penny)
Vander Meulen



A Pelican's View from the Parrot Nest

Top Phlock

What a great finish to our year. First we had our annual Turkey Trot in Kemah starting at T-Bone Tom's and collected \$475.00 that was sent to Blue Santa Galveston. At the end of November Melody collected 60 blankets and donated them to the Galveston Island Humane Society. Then Gloria Rooney, Donna Haulbrook and Beverly Flance delivered 90 Christmas Wrapped Shoeboxes stuffed with games, Texas Souvenirs, socks, first aid items, flashlights, pens, etc. to the Houston International Seafarers Association. The Chaplains collect these for the many seafarers that pass through our area, many that spend 9 to 18 months at sea, away from their family and friends.

December brought about our annual Birthday/ Christmas party, Mele Kalikimaka. Thanks so much to our chair, Melody Avants and all of the elves that helped out. Congratulations to our Fruitcake Award winners Theresa Fleming and Jay Jorns and our Golden Coconut Award recipients, Jackie Snider, Charlie Bukowski and Kelly and Matt Railean. We also collected \$1,645 worth of gift cards and \$300 cash that was donated to Blue Santa Galveston. I was then caught off guard and extremely humbled being brought back to center stage and presented a cooler caddy, a beautiful Galveston Bay Parrot Head hat and plaque with my years of service and naming me a Lifetime Member.

As I pack up from my stay in the Parrot Nest, just a few comments. Many thanks to all that served on the board, chaired and volunteered for events, participated in Happy Hours, extra events and attended Board Meetings. Early on I have always tried to take a few minutes at each event and sit back and observe. It soon became apparent why the Galveston Bay Parrot Head Club, maybe not the biggest, nor the biggest fund raiser but without a doubt the GREATEST Parrot Head Club in all of PHIP. It is our membership. From original members from 1995 to our newest members on the roster, there is not a finer bunch of people in the world. Once again thank you all. I love you all. God bless and keep the PARTY going.

Alan "Pelican" Coffman
President Galveston Bay Parrot Head Club

Alan Coffman
President



Gary Weaver
Vice President



Linda Coffman
Secretary



Les Haulbrook
Treasurer



Mark Zimmerman
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Phun Director





Want to Hear Thom and Coley Shepherd at Margaritaville Lake Conroe? Sharpen your Pencils

GBPHC is kicking off 2024 with a bang! Want to win two tickets to Lone Star Luau, March 21-24, 2024, at Margaritaville on Lake Conroe??? It's a \$450 value!!! This prize is available due to the generosity of Barry and Melissa Terrell, owners of T-Bone Tom's and Tookie's Restaurants.

TERMS

- ONLY members-in-good-standing in Galveston Bay PHC for 2024 are eligible to enter this contest. Dues can be paid at gbphc-club.com or at any Happy Hour.
- have a desire to attend the 4-day event
- understand that the tickets cannot be sold/transferred since another name change will not occur
- be willing to provide your own accommodations and travel for the event

ESSAY GUIDELINES

- Write what it means to you to be a Parrot Head.
- Include your thoughts on the role of Trop Rock music in the PH organization.
- Explain how you contribute to and participate in our club to meet our goal to Party with a Purpose.

The essays will be judged, with no names, by the Board of Directors based on the sincerity and dedication recognized in the writer. It does not have to be a writing masterpiece.

Deadline to submit essay is Jan. 14, 2024 by midnight. The winner will be announced during the next week!

Email your essay to weavergl1112@yahoo.com (It's a lowercase L after the g). Include your full name and phone number on the email with the essay attached. Submitting an essay is your agreement to meet our terms.

Trip Around the Sun (Cont.)

- 12/15- Ed Waters
Roger Wise
- 12/16- Debi (Flip Flop) Clark
Randy (Vintage Car) Els
Judith Hobbs
Marlene Urbach
- 12/17- Michael McBride
Jeffrey Richard
- 12;19- Chandler Duke
- 12/21- Kathy Lucas
Randy (Big Daddy) Scates
- 12/22- Valerie Fajen
Ellen (Brown Eyed Girl)
Goerlich
- 12/23- Mickey (Captain Kiki)
Conrad
Faith Norris
Wesley Zubkow
- 12/24- Victor (Victorious!)
Cascio
- 12/25- Calvin (Hi-Fi) Clark
- 12/26- Shirley (Bama Girl)
Johnson
Johnna Mitchell
- 12/27- Scott Lohmeyer
Lori Parker
Holly Hunt (Sharky Girl)
Robertson
Gloria (Capt. Glo)
Rooney
Cheryl Tillman



Upcoming Events

Phollowing the Phlockers

Robert Greaney

December 26 — T Bone Tom's, Kemah, 6pm

December 29 — Tommy Bahama in the Woodlands, 5pm

Check Robert's FaceBook page under Robert Greaney Music for future dates

Jerry Diaz

December 31 — The Mine Shaft, San Antonio, 8pm

Check Jerry's website www.jerrydiaz.com for more dates

David Schwope

December 24 — Okie's YardHouse, Clear Lake Shores, 7pm

December 31 — Crazy Alan's Swamp Shack, Kemah, 2pm

Check David's website for more events <http://davidschwope.com/>

Jonas Lorence

December 31 — The Mine Shaft, San Antonio, 6pm

Jonas' website for more events <http://www.jonaslarence.com/>

Dennis Davis

Check Dennis' website for more events <http://dennisdavismusic.org/>

Donny Brewer

January 1 — North Jetty Park, Nokomis, FL, 2pm

January 6 — Topsy Umbrella, Edgewater Mobie Home Park, FL, 3pm

Check Donny's website for dates at <http://donnybrewer.com/tour/>

Tone Salinas

Check Tone's FaceBook page for upcoming events

Randy Massey

Check Randy's FaceBook page for upcoming events

GBPHC Happy Hours

January 5

David Schwope

Luckystroke Putt Club

609 Bradford Ave., #203

Kemah, TX

New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined the Galveston Bay Parrot Head Club in the month of November:

Melissa Devore

Debbie Decker

John Ditto

Steven Gann

Mike Grabot

Charlie Lojo

Rachel Lojo

Trip Around the Sun (Cont.)

12/28- Nicole (Nick) Fontana

Albert Hanel

Kim Rannefeld

Sherrie Spurgeon

12/29- Chris Burk

12/30- Lilly Ballard

Judy Fleetwood

12/31-Harley Dotson

Michelle Mohyla

Tina (Moody Blue)

Rawson



Walking the Plank at Railean's Buccaneer Bar

In November, we tried our hands at making crazy hats, enjoyed the not-so-sacred music of Reverend Johnny and started December by getting pimped out to celebrate the "Ho, ho, ho" in Christmas.

Upcoming Events

January 6

Pirate Guild Night

White Elephant Gift Exchange

So did you receive a gift this year that is just not your cup of tea? Wrap that sucker up and bring it to our Annual Gift Exchange. This is always one of our biggest events of the year! Bring a gift worth about \$20-\$25, it needs to be wrapped and it cannot be alcohol (it's illegal to bring in outside alcohol!). We will draw names and have fun stealing the gifts from each other. Please have your gift here by 5:30pm, we will start the game about 6pm. We cannot let people join in once we start (it's just not fair!) so please be on time.

January 20

Brooke Alyson

Do not miss this show! Brooke is a fantastic vocalist, her specialty is Stevie Nicks and music from the likes of Heart, Fleetwood Mac and more. No cover. 5:30-8:30pm





On the Road

Baja Parrot Head Club presents
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 Cruisin with a Purpose

on the **Enchanted Princess**
 Sailing April 6-13 2024

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 Trop Rock concerts & PHun events
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2024
 FEB 28TH - MARCH 3RD

WASHIN' AWAY AGAIN AT THE JOE!



Happy Hour Photos November 3





Happy Hour Photos November 17





Last Call!

Jack Frost Cocktail

Embrace the winter blues this season with this boozy and blended Jack Frost cocktail. While some Jack Frost cocktails lean more towards the tropical side, keep things simple by adding bubbly Prosecco and sweet lemonade to this vodka cocktail. This blended drink has everything one could want in a winter cocktail: it's frosty, festive, and boozy. Serve it up as your signature Christmas drink, or just to treat yourself after surviving the holiday mayhem.



- ◆ 1 cup vodka
- ◆ 1 cup Prosecco
- ◆ 1/2 cup Blue Curaçao
- ◆ 1/2 cup lemonade
- ◆ 4 cups ice
- ◆ Lemon wedge, for rimming
- ◆ White sanding sugar, for rimming

1. In a blender, combine vodka, Prosecco, blue curaçao, lemonade, and ice. Blend until combined.
2. Run a lemon wedge around the rim of each glass then dip in sanding sugar.
3. Pour frosties into rimmed glasses and serve immediately.
4. Serves five.



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