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The Presidential Squawk

Brings you highlights from

STATE OF THE PHLOCK – 2017

Hi everyone, summer is over and fall is drawing to an end, football season is halfway through, the young-ins are back in school and waiting for the holiday break, and yep morning and evening traffic is a headache again, the days are much shorter and the nights longer. There is a lot that has happened since the last newsletter.

I hope you'll had time to make the WPB Jimmy Buffet concert (yes it was a school night), and if that wasn't enough, we headed over to Tampa and partied with the Tampa pholks and then watched Jimmy Buffett in Tampa.

We had our annual Water Taxi Pub Crawl and I hope all that came had a great time.

Laurie and I headed down to Key West for MMITK, and as always we had a great time, and the musician line up was awesome.

Hey, we got a new member (a little parakeet), Lorelei St George, congratulations Robin and Ryan.

We sadly said good bye (temporarily) to Jim and Olga at our July phlocking, they are majorly missed, especially by me. For all, Jim and Olga have relocated to the Port Charlotte area, they have some really good trop rock music to look forward to and they live close to the Nav-a-gator, a cool place for trop rock music.

Laurie, Ron, Denise and I headed up to the leaders conference, learned a lot and had a great time. Friday evening James "Sunny Jim" White entertained us.

Laurie and I hosted our Alzheimer's Movie night with shrimp sliders, hot dogs, popcorn, Land Shark beer, and a documentary of Jimmy Buffett including PHC. We raised about \$500.00 that evening, including all of the other donations that we received over and above the \$15.00 initial donation, thank you everyone for the donations and joining us.

We had a weather problem with our quarterly street cleanup on August 26th, we need to reschedule.

Port Charlotte's B-day party was awesome and it was a sold out event, first time. Jim and Olga, and several people from Fort Lauderdale joined us.

International Coastal Cleanup was rescheduled, thank you Irma. We met at the end of Hollywood Blvd, a cool cause and great place to cleanup.

Barkoctoberfest is over, a charity for those 4 legged furry kids. A brand new place this year, we were at 26th Degree Brewing Co. in Pompano Beach.

Laurie, myself and 10 others were excited to go to Paris to see Jimmy Buffett, September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. It was definitely a phun adventure, making new phriends from all over the world and saying hey to phriends we met in the past. Seeing Jimmy Buffet at La Cigalle was awesome and we made new phriends from Australia, Scotland, New Zealand and many new phriends from England.

MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) was great again this year, music was awesome.

We are looking forward to the end of the chase at Homestead-Miami Speedway to find out this year's Nascar winner, Holiday season to be with our phamilies and starting the new year.

Craig Holmes



Upcoming Events

11/23/17

Thanksgiving Day



11/30/17

November Phlocking,

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12/25/17



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KIM'S CORNER UPDATES



It has been a really fun season for our group as well as a season of changes. As everyone is aware, Jim and Olga moved to west coast to further Jim's career in another beautiful area of this paradise that we call South Florida. Jim led our group through many years of fun and fortune for all kinds of needy groups. We appreciate his leadership and he is already missed greatly. Not to mention Olga's always present smile and helping hand with anything and everything.

As Jim stepped down from the position of our President, Craig Holmes moved up from his long-standing position of Vice President. Craig has taken this new position with enthusiasm and is doing a fine job so far! He has had a few years assisting Jim and surely will continue with many adventurous ways to create events to help those in need.

With Craig moving out of the VP position, Tom Warmington has moved into that seat. Tom has many good suggestions and has years of experience with charitable events as well. We're sure he will be a great assistant to Craig and with his knowledge of all that is fun, we should be in for a year of great times ahead!!

As our long standing resident Treasurer, Judi Rae Kesner is leaving us at the end of the month to begin a new chapter in her life by moving to Orlando. She will be missed greatly, but she is passing all of her knowledge and skills to our new Treasurer, Lisa Rowe. Lisa is a wonderfully charitable person and a smart parrot head! I have every confidence that she will be able to fill her new spot without a hitch. She has some pretty big shoes to fill, but with a little encouragement from all of us in the phlock, she is sure to become a big success.

We have many great things to report this quarter, so let us begin the journey by way of the annual pub crawl.





Pub crawl

A pirate life for us....



Well sort of...

Eighty or so swashbuckling parrot heads set sail that day for a three hour tour.... Unlike the crew of the SSMin- now our crew made it back to port, after rough seas with plenty of grog and swill in their bellies.

The rough seas might have been the result of the previous nights adventures, at least, so I am told.. the poolside pirate bar was loads of fun.

My fishbowl filled with alligators and rum left me with little but fond memories..

With everything benefitting the Children's Home Society.. it was all good....

Next year we are looking to do a crawl only event. Possibly by land rather than sea. We think more people might be able to join us for that. Let us know your thoughts?

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Barktoberfest



It was a puppy kissing, cat meowing, food truck loving, beer-mosa filled day at the fabulous 26-degree brewing co.

Weather couldn't have been nicer, and the location was awesome, with dogs allowed inside and live music by Bill Crowley.

We had nine no-kill rescue groups, a handful of vendors, more raffle prizes than we knew what to do with, and a fabulous auction.

Two Men and a Truck sponsored the Pet costume contest. Father John and Father Larry joined us for the Blessing of the pets, praying that all the sweet innocent souls find their fur-ever homes and live a happy life.

We were quite successful in our endeavor as there were 6 adoptions and approximately \$10,600 raised for the fur babies to keep a roof over their heads.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who make this a BFC favorite event, as well as thanks too Mike Burgess and his staff at 26 Degree for making us welcome.



International Coastal Clean-Up

The Barefoot Children of Ft. Lauderdale provided roughly 9 volunteer staff for our assigned clean-up site, Hollywood Ocean Walk. On the rescheduled event date of October 7, 2017, we served over 400 clean-up volunteers and logged over 2400 lbs of collected trash! This once-a-year event is always a fun one, albeit a hot day at the beach, but its certainly always entertaining!

Message from the Broward County Coordinators:

"This year's Coastal Cleanup was particularly challenging with the path of Hurricane Irma, having to reschedule and the flooding by the King Tides. Even with these obstacles we had a hard working team, good turnout of volunteers and nice weather, resulting in a smoothly run event. Pat and I wanted to express our gratitude for your hard work and devotion in successfully concluding another great Coastal Cleanup." -Angel Rovira, Broward County

Special thanks to the following club members who served as our Volunteer Staff:

- Lisa Rowe
- Jan Parke
- Laurie Holmes
- Craig Holmes
- Larry Hill
- Ryan St George
- Ron Del Forn
- Ryan Goldman
- **Jamie Goldman**

If you'd like to get involved in these for-a-good-cause types of events please be sure to check out our club calendar (barefootchildrenphc.com) so that you can set up your reminders. If you'd like to serve as a volunteer for any of our upcoming events please send an email to: BarefootChildrenPHC@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event or Phlocking (happy hour)!!

Just an interesting tidbit about the wide spread awareness and impact of keeping our waters clean.

More than half a million of you worldwide have joined us for the [International Coastal Cleanup](#) and raised awareness about the impacts of plastics on our ocean.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we just announced a bold new initiative on the world stage. Ocean Conservancy, the [Trash Free Seas Alliance®](#), and [Closed Loop Partners](#), with the support of world leading brands—including [Procter & Gamble](#), [3M](#), [PepsiCo](#) and plastic makers from the [American Chemistry Council](#) and the [World Plastics Council](#)—will create a [new funding mechanism](#) to **raise over \$150 million** over five years to improve waste collection, sorting and recycling markets in Southeast Asia. This combined effort will help us reach our goal of cutting the amount of trash entering our ocean **in HALF** over the coming decade, through improving waste collection, recycling and reuse. We've spent many years working on this issue, but it is because of your support that we are able to show the world that the public stands behind our dream of [trash free seas®](#).



- HE WENT TO PARIS – JIMMY BUFFETT –

Several Barefoot Children of Ft. Lauderdale & Miami Parrot Heads followed. We were a contingency that included Craig & I, Carol Jardine, Ken & Diane Slack & Kendall, Lisa Rowe, Bev & Chris Cannon, Brenda Braley, Ruth Martini and Kurt Kauffman.

Definitely indeed a trip of a lifetime, this was a return trip for me, and Craig's first to Paris. We hoped to soak up the culture of Paris and the Montmartre area where we stayed and Buffett performed at the LaCigale Theatre, and that we did. Everything from a VIP tour of the Eiffel Tower, where we kissed at the circle marked, 'Kiss photo opt spot', to climbing to Sacre Coer and being sketched by an artist. We enjoyed many outside bistro's having wine and cuisine and just soaking up all the activity around us, viewing Notre Dame and enjoying a European Street Market which was an entire block of booths of meat, cheese, bread, pastry's and artisan wears. We did a great Food Walking Tour of Montmartre that took us around to gather cheese, wine, meat and pastry's, as well as taste a homemade, fresh crepe along the way before then heading to a banquet room and feasted on it all.

The following Tuesday the Parrot Heads began to arrive, that evening a group from Facebooks, 'Parrot Heads in Paris' met in the evening to go together on an evening Seine River Cruise, it was beautiful and as we passed the lit Eiffel Tower. The festivities continued Wednesday evening when we met at a Rum Bar, for more Greet & Meet, Rum and fun. On Friday, Susan Best (a new BFC member) and knowledgeable of Paris neighborhoods, led us all first to a street where we bought our lunch, wine and all. Then headed with our picnic fare to the greenery near the Eiffel Tower, where we all laid out makeshift blankets, ate, conversation, traded club items; it was a very enjoyable afternoon. It was very cool to meet people from all over the world including Scotland, Australia, Germany, England, as well as several U.S. States.

Tailgating in Montmartre outside the LaCigale was unique, we heard leading up to the concerts, meet you 'on the island' before the concerts. This island referenced was a small piece of circle sidewalk in the middle of the separated two way street, like where cars would take a turn to go the other way. There was a string where the 10th Anniversary of Buffett being in Paris hung as well as different club signs. Needless to say the fun on the island included your preference of adult beverages. The fun also carried over to the bistro's on each corner near the theatre. It definitely was an experience and great fun.



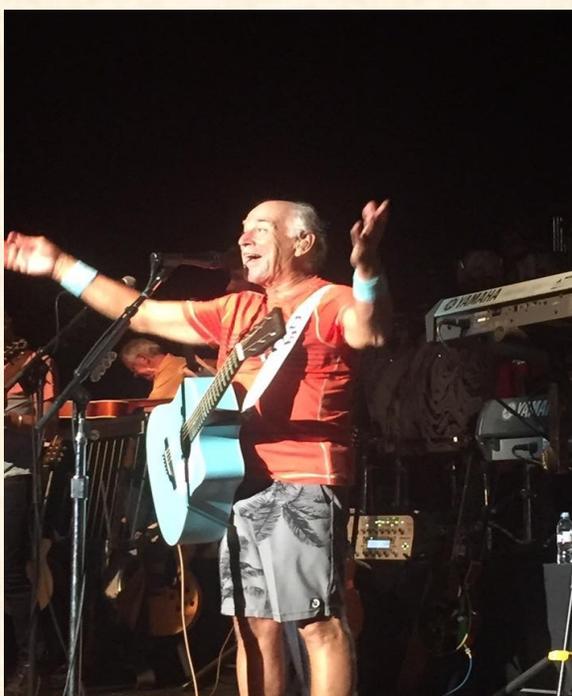
Continuation from He went to Paris

To describe the venue and Buffet's concerts, AWESOME! Earlier I said this was a 'trip Lifetime', the concerts were definitely also an 'Experience of a Lifetime'.

The LaCigale theatre is small, very intimate and portrays an historical ambience, holds 954 concertgoers seated, then on Saturday evening when the main floor is standing room attendance is 1389, we had seats in the warm balcony, thankfully. Each concert was unique in some way with a variation of songs and on Thursday night when the power went out, Jimmy and the band continued to play/sing 'you can't always get what you want', it was just incredible. All concerts were filmed, the band wearing same clothes each night; so were hoping a live cd may be in the works. In our group, be sure to ask Carol Jardin about Jimmy signing her cheeseburger hat and Kendall Slack with her parents acquiring Jimmy's autograph at the alley theatre entrance. Oh the memories we have of this Paris trip, including three Buffett concerts, meeting many incredible fellow Parrot Heads, now Facebook friends, and seeing a portion of such a beautiful country.

Who knows how many years Jimmy will continue touring Paris, but as Carol and Ken said to us, nearly a year ago, 'concerts in Paris are nothing like any other', I fully agree and would encourage anyone able to try to make it next year.

Laurie Holmes



Happy Fall My Parrot Head Friends!

I happily report that with the close of Summer, I concluded another trip around the Sun, as many say it; I'm another year older, and maybe a bit wiser (or just more tired). It's been a fun-filled Summer, I was along with all the activities Craig Holmes would have written about in his newsletter column, so I won't bore you by writing it all again. A favorite is ALWAYS, 'Meet Me in the Key's', you should google the event and plan to join the fun in 2018.

As Chairperson of the Alzheimer's Charity for the Barefoot Children I am happy to report that our ALZ Movie Night on August 19th at the Holmes Tiki Hut was a great success, twenty something Parrot Heads and friends joined for a fun evening of great refreshments, socializing and watching the Parrot Head Documentary. Thanks to ALL of YOU, we raised \$515 that has been sent to ALZ. Followed this up with a nice 50/50 at the phlocking and an addition \$168 has been donated due to Mark Lavallo's generosity.

The main event, the Broward ALZ Walk was held on Saturday, October 21st. Our Team – **Barefoot Children of Ft. Lauderdale, Parrott Heads**, may have been a disappointing small group, five in total; but we definitely made our mark with our fully decorated red grass skirted wagon playing Buffett music, pink flamingo display with beads and lei's. I personally thank, first My Husband, Craig Holmes, for supporting me with this cause that is so near and dear to my heart; as I walk every year in honor of my father, George Schwarz. Also a huge thank you to Carol Jardin, Jody Wilkens, and Debbie Colegrove for joining in the fun morning. As Parrot Heads, Alzheimer's is a charity we're asked to support, as it is also important to Jimmy Buffett. I'm thankful for these ladies' support and that at least the BFC Group is represented in the fundraising. (For the year our fundraising is approximately \$1,500.00.)

Let's Keep Partying with a Purpose Always!



Laurie Holmes

Welcome New Members

Amber Pellman
Chris Kestner
Katherine Davis
Christopher Cannon
Beverly Cannon
Julie Schneider
Mark Schneider
Lorelei St. George (will be joining in December)

Valerie Smith
Susan Best
Angela Beers
Vida Knox
Benita Heckenbach
George Heckenbach

Volunteer and keep us great!

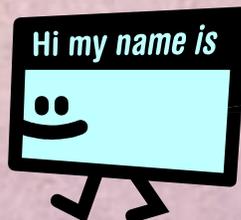
Many Thanks to our "Volunteer Coordinator"

Jan Parke

She is always at every phlocking with a smile and a clipboard to get volunteers signed up for lending a helping hand where necessary. Volunteering is a lot of fun and is a great way to get to know other members of our phlock!

Our Volunteers are the backbone of the club and without Volunteers this club can not be successful and fun so please consider helping out when ever you can.

Wear Your Name Badge



New members are joining us every month, every single event we see new eager faces.....

Help make new members feel as welcome as you felt, by wearing your name badge to every event. This helps new members feel like they belong, because they know your name....

Fruitcakes in the Kitchen

Recipe Corner



Parrot Head Pool Drink

1—2 Oz each

Coconut Rum

Mango Rum

Vanilla Rum

White rum

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Children's Home Society of Florida





2018 will be here before we know it!

As we end this year and are looking forward to a new one we have lots of things on our agenda already!

- ◆ January—Regifting party
- ◆ Feb or March—Annual picnic
- ◆ March or April—Pub Crawl or day event
- ◆ May—Event for the Children’s Home Society
- ◆ June—”Ritas for Rita” (more on this later)
- ◆ July—TBD
- ◆ August—Alzheimer's Event
- ◆ September—Coastal Cleanup
- ◆ October—Barktoberfest
- ◆ November—Meeting of the Minds
- ◆ December—Boat Parade



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When closing this letter, we would be remiss in not saying goodbye to one of our most well loved peeps, Rita Greaver.



We all now have a parrot head angel in the sky watching us from afar and smiling that beautiful smile of hers.

Sail on our friend!

