

# Phlockings & Squawkings

January 2016

### **LONE STAR PARROT HEAD CLUB**

## DOC TALK By Randy Morgan

#### Howdy Phlock!

It has been a while since our newsletter was last published, so we have some catching up to do!

We have had so many great events and get-togethers, but the obvious first two that come to mind are the Parking Lot Party and our 20th Birthday Party! Despite a lot of rain and a delayed start, we still managed to raise enough money to donate a good amount to the USO (Sherrill will update in the charity section).

Our 20th birthday party was a BLAST! Who could not have fun with Southern Drawl coming in just for us? What rockers these guys are, one of the best bands we've had. Huge shout out to Fuzzy's in Las Colinas for letting us set up the band there, it was a great time!.



As we start 2016, the year looks like a great one. House parties, the "I Don't Know" tour and SHARKing Lot Party, our birthday party and even more live music being brought in

As if that wasn't enough, happy hour plans are under way for some new and exciting places along with our usual spur-of-the-moment mayhem

Since this is really my first time to be featured as President in the newsletter, I want to say that I love this club and all of you members out there. We couldn't do so many things, both in charity hours volunteered or monies raised, without you. DFW is a HUGE area for one club and I think it is awesome that so many have their own phlockings here and there, bonding and making permanent friends that bring so much joy, happiness and fun in their lives. I would love to expand that in 2016. Bring in more friends, have more fun, and, along the way, help a few people. You know what they say, the best exercise for a heart is lifting another. With that, I will seaue into our member highlight, with the member that easily lifts more hearts than anyone else I know.. Until next time...Phinz UP!!

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## **Member Highlight**

### Shannon Phipps

If you don't know Shannon (Shani), you are missing out. She is one of the first to volunteer for an event and last to leave, still helping others until the end. Shani Hugs are the hugs we all wish we could give, you know, those ones that make you feel loved, missed,



just plain happy! Shani has been a member since the late 90s and is our current historian. Her passion for charity and her welcoming attitude has made her one of our most beloved members. If you are new and Shannon hasn't said hi, she just wasn't there because she doesn't miss a chance to chat up new pholks and make them feel at home.

Shannon has been a big influence on getting in trop-rock musicians, especially to play out at Big Daddy's on Lake Grapevine. If you see her around, introduce yourself ... before you know it, you have a new great friend!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



All our events will be on Facebook and our website, but if you want the year at a glance so far, here you go:

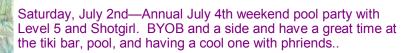
Sunday, January 24th at the Morgan Lodge, Mike Nash (lead singer for Southern Drawl Band) and Thom Shepherd will be playing a house party for the first time. It's BYOB, there will be chips and dips. You can bring a side item if you wish. \$15/person.



Saturday, January 30th ZestFest at the Irving Convention Center in Las Colinas. You don't have to love hot stuff to sample some of the 150 or so booths offerings, but it helps. Great not so hot sauces as well as cooking demonstrations and fiery food challenge.......but that's not all...later on, at Fuzzy's in Las Colinas, Mr. Don Middlebrook will be belting out some trop-rock tunes for us starting at 5:00.

Saturday, March 5th— North Texas Irish Festival, Meet up at the main stage at 12:30, get your kilt on!







Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - Cedar Creek PHC's annual Poker Run - Spend a day on the lake with new phriends and old! Make the best poker hand and win! This is a lot of phun and the Cedar Creek gang loves to party!



July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - Riddles in the Sand - Join the Galveston Bay PHC as they host their annual Summer Camp for Parrot Heads. http://gbphc-riddlesinthesand.com/

August 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - Lone Star PHC's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthday Party!!!!! Join us as we bring in "Drop Dead Dangerous" to celebrate our club's birthday!

December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) - Christmas in the Caribbean – Our Annual Holiday Party!







## **Meeting of the Minds Update**

### by Randy Morgan

Meeting of the Minds (or "MOTM") is the pinnacle of Parrot Head events! I have been to this event many, many times and never have I not had a great time. I call it Bourbon street on an island...because that is what Duval Street (hello Duval Crawl) is.

I remember when this thing started on Thursdays. Now, there are welcome parties on Tuesday, but officially, really Wednesday. How do you get here? Well, the easy way is to come in by plane all the way to Key West. This is the easiest, but the airfare from Dallas is SO much cheaper (usually) flying into Miami or Fort Lauderdale, that many Pholks do that and drive down A1A (arguably the best Buffett album) to Key West. It isn't far, but it IS a trek due to being two lanes so much of the way. The great thing is that the rental car companies charge no drop fee, so you can turn in your rental when you get to Key West and then get another one way rental when you leave.

There is something going on all the time at MOTM! This year, they added a few things, the Young Guns beach party was a big success, but the BIG news was Jimmy committing to play Thursday night on the beach







Did our Phlock get there in time? Heck yes.....we did the Thom Shepherd & Jerry Diaz Sunset Cruise and jammed over to the Casa to hear Jimmy. Yes, Southern Drawl was rocking when we got there, we took up our spots on the beach and gathered a group of Lone Star pholks and were ready when Jimmy took the stage. He played the entire White Sport Coat album with stories about each song. I have added these stories (sorry I couldn't get all the songs) on our Facebook page. Seriously, it was one for the ages.

There are so many great Trop-Rockers at this event, I can't list them all, but know that it is the ultimate Parrot Head event. Fantastic food and drink on an island full of phriends old and new, how could it be anything less than PHUN?

Nikki and I will be there again this year.....we hope to see you on the island!!

~Randy "Doc"



# 25th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2016

"Here We Are"

November 2 - November 6, 2016 in Key West, FL. www.phip.com

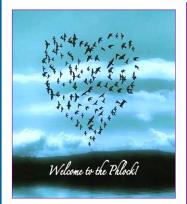
## Registration

It's never too early to register for the ultimate Parrot Head event. MOTM is always a HUGE smorgasboard of fantastic trop-rock music and Phun!

You must be a member in good standing of a Parrot Head club to register.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### BY CATHY INMAN



#### EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN THE LONE STAR PARROT HEAD CLUB

The Lone Star Parrot Head Club is growing again, new members signing up right and left. We're so glad you're here! Come to the happy hours and meetings, helps us grown even more. The other Texas clubs, as well as the whole South Region, continue to grow, and the future looks great. Tell your phriends, neighbors and loved ones about all the great things they're missing by not being a part of us!

## Do you know about our Yahoo Groups?

If you are interested in joining one or both, send an email to Isphc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (club news) or Isphc-chat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (chatter). You'll receive a welcome email once your club membership is confirmed. See ya online!

#### Facebook

Yes, we are on FB, we have a page and a private chat group. Please let Cathy or Randy know if you need help getting in to either.

If you would like to send in your renewals via PayPal, please use the president@lsphc.com address to send in your payment. Or if you prefer to send snail mail, send your check to:

LSPHC Membership C/O Randy Morgan 410 Willet Dr. Coppell, Tx. 75019



Welcome to our happy Phlock! Grab a drink and pull up a seat!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please remember to renew your memberships before they are due.

Your renewal date is also the expiration date of your membership. Look on the back of your LSPHC badge for your renewal date.

You must be a current member to purchase club concert tickets to see Buffett (floor seats, no fees like Ticketmaster).

Also, if you are planning on attending Meeting of the Minds in Key West, you need to be current with your membership.

## Getting Lei'd

When a new member comes to a happy hour or event, they will be given a white lei to wear.

This lets everyone know they're an "LSPHC Virgin" and gives you an opportunity to greet them and introduce them to the group. We want to make our "virgins" feel included right away! Before they go home, we remove the white lei and lei them IN COLOR! It's a phun way of recognizing new members and getting to know them.



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## LSPHC Nominations

Nominations are open every year for board members. Even years we have President, Secretary, Membership, and Historian. Odd years we elect Vice President, Treasurer, and Director of Charity, If you would like to run for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please email your nominations to Judy Mays, Election Chair, at <a href="mailto:election@lsphc.com">election@lsphc.com</a> before midnight, July 15, 2016. Include the nominee's first and last name and your first and last name. Only members in good standing as of July 1, 2016, may participate in the nomination and election process. Here is a brief description of officer duties. For a complete listing, contact Judy.



## State of the Phlock 2015



The following is an excerpt of the 2015 State of the Phlock from Parrot Heads in Paradise. The new one should be out soon and will be on the next newsletter::

#### The 2015 State of the Phlock!!

At 2014's end our annual membership statistics were reported by 227 Parrot Head Clubs, including 9 Canadian Parrot Head Chapters and the one and only Australian Parrot Head Club down under! Our membership remained solid & we closed out the year with a reporting of 26,500 members.

Our fundraising efforts were in the millions and our Chapters reported a whopping \$3,272,021making our 13 year total \$39.9 Million Dollars!!!

More importantly, PHIP Parrot Heads unselfishly donated 223,000 Volunteer hours in 2014 bringing our 13 year total to 3,407,000 donated hours!! Those donated hours included:

- Adopt A Highway/Adopt A Spot
- Coastal clean ups
- Earth Day events
- Trees planted
- Meals on Wheels deliveries
- Food Deliveries to the less fortunate
- Reading to Seniors
- Hosting Water Stops at 5K Runs
- Cooking/Serving Meals at Shelters

But, it's not all about work!! Let us not forget PHIP, Inc. is a social organization!! You participate in parades! You host local Chapter and Regional events! You tailgate! You support the local economy at your restaurants & bars! You support each other in good times and you check on your Parrot Head neighbors when disaster strikes and offer assistance when possible! You boast about being a PHIP Parrot Head to anyone who will listen in the hopes they will join our ranks, put on their grass skirts, coconut bras and get involved.

Yes, PHIP Parrot Heads, you continue to amaze and astonish those of us who know you as family! And many of you are "officially recognized within your own communities because they reap the fruits of your labors!

There's still so much fun ahead in 2015 as we continue "growing older but not up". Unleash that inner child more often and stay true to your Parrot Head DNA!

Our retired Director of Membership, Bob Heffelfinger once told me "Small voices, when combined, can deafen!"... And I believe him!!

Congratulations from your PHIP Board of Directors on another stellar year!!

## If you don't want it printed ......don't do it!

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Have a great idea for our newsletter?
Pictures, stories or events you'd like to see
inside these pages?



Send them to newsletter@lsphc.com ~Nikki Morgan, Newsletter Editor

"St. Pauli Girl"

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#### **TOP 15 PHIP CLUBS**

Here are the Top 15 Club by membership numbers per your 2015 Annual Renewal numbers.

The Villages 1,297

Key West PHC 775

Charlotte Harbor PHC 604

Tampa Bay PHC 550

San Diego PHC 496.

Central Oklahoma PHA 443

Sarasota Bay PHC 441

Galveston Bay PHC 436

Emerald Isle PHC 413

Cedar Creek Lake PHC 409

Metro PHC 348

Quad City PHC 330

Lone Star PHC 313

San Antonio PHC 308

Space Coast PHC 299

### BIRTHDAYS!!!



A big spankin'
PHINS UP to all
of our recent birthday boys and
girls!!!

Since we've got well over one hundred Parrot Head birthdays in January, February, and March, that's just WAY too many to post here. Best wishes for another trip around the Sun!