

Tulsa PARROT HEAD Club



Party with thy Purpose!

FUN LINES

November 2018




October Phlocking ...and the chili cook-off

Forty-seven Parrot Heads traveled to the American Legion Lodge Tuesday night to enjoy some chili at our annual Tulsa Parrot Head chili cook-off.

The variety of chili recipes made our judging very difficult. There was white chili, brown chili, chili made with shredded beef. So many samples and so little time. Each Parrot Head had three beans to use to vote for their favorite recipe. They placed their beans in paper cups sitting beside the pots of the chili they liked the best. Everyone was very diligent about tasting each one. We wanted to make sure we gave each chef a fair chance in the judging.

After it was all said and done, drum-roll please.....the chili cook-off winners for 2018 were Don Jones 1st place, Jan Wollenschlager 2nd place, and Michael Weaver 3rd place. Congratulations to our winners!!!

We want to thank everyone who brought chili, sides, and



November Phlocking November 13th 6:30 pm

Margaritaville Restaurant



Go to the Bar Area and Head Upstairs

desserts. They were absolutely wonderful. For those of you who missed it, you missed quite a spread.

Later in the evening, we presented two checks to our Trop Rock River Phlock charities which totaled \$13,000. We presented a check to Joni Frank from the Coffee Bunker and a check to Lisa Bain from Joy in the Cause. Each charity gave quite moving speeches about their organization. Both organizations were very grateful of our efforts. Great Job Parrot Heads!

After the raffle was over, the crowd thinned pretty quickly which ended another memorable chili cook-off phlocking.





Jimmy Buffett in Las Vegas

*... What Happens in Vegas
Stays in Vegas*

By: Don Jones

I know this is an over used statement, but in order to protect the guilty as well as the innocent, no names will be used in this recap of the recent Tulsa Parrot Head trip to Las Vegas to see our favorite Trop Rock performer, Mr. Buffett. If you are dying to know the identity of those pholks, you will have to weasel additional information from those involved, directly or indirectly.

A group of eighteen TPHC members embarked from Tulsa at various times and flights with one thing in common...to arrive in Vegas in time to attend the last concert of the year performed by our Bubba at the MGM Grand. Some of us arrived as early as Wednesday, others caught the late Friday night flight. We were also joined by two Phriends from our favorite state to the south making our group a party of twenty.

Saturday morning came early as most of us boarded a bus headed for the pre-party at the Flamingo Hotel pool. When someone on the bus asked if everyone had their concert tickets, a look of pre-Halloween horror came upon the face of two of our Parrot Head Phriends when they realized that someone had left their concert tickets back in Oklahoma. What to do now? Thank goodness for technology and someone who had printed receipts for said tickets. After a long, long, long while on the phone, the "misplaced" tickets were recovered via email.

Our group enjoyed a nice Mexican breakfast complete with Bloody Mary's. You can't drink all day if you don't start in the morning. The Sooners kicked off at 9:00 a.m. and hung a half a hundred on em.

The pool party kicked-off at 10:00 a.m. but remember, it's noon Tulsa time. Just for your information, a valid ID is required to enter into the pool party.

Without their IDs, two of our Phriends got to take a cab ride back to the hotel to retrieve them.

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Raffle News

We raised \$177 in the October raffle. The donation went to **Our Tulsa Parrot Head Teachers.** (According to research, teachers spend an average of \$490 out of their own pockets on items like instructional materials, classroom supplies, and books.

Teachers are like candles. They consume themselves to brighten the lives of others.
- Unknown

Last month's raffle was a "Hoot!"
Lots of scary prizes. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thank You! to all those who donated gifts: David & Cathy Boley, Jim & Jan Wollenschlager, Rebecca Land, Mike Casillas, Don & Carol Jones, Larry & Vicki Eberle, Robbie Thames & Jack Kelsey, Carla & George Mc-Millen, Bob & Lynn Scott, Becky Eagan & Michael Weaver, Richard & Debbie Burling, Monte & Shayne Moore, Amy Gray, Cindy Kramer, Barry & Debbie Straabe, Debbie & Roque Martinez, Tammi Martin, Doug & Debbie McKisick, Neta Carrino, Beth Dee, Valerie & Shane Stogner, Shane & Kirstin Clark, Pat Gibson, and Tom Tirrell.

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Prayers for Parrot Heads

Katie Spetter

Gary & Janet Davis

Kathleen Watts

Joe Jackson

Let an officer know if there are others we need to add to our list.

Peter Mayer's Stars and Promises Tour 2018

Peter Mayer is once again bringing his **FREE** Christmas Music with a message tour to Tulsa's **Venue 68** (6910 South 101 Street, East) on December 20th, 2018. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert begins at 7:00 pm. An offering will be taken to benefit the Goodland Academy.

Introducing the 19th Annual Stars and Promises, "A Junkman's Christmas Eve"

Come out and celebrate the season!



School Supplies Drive

For years the TPHC's September Phlocking has been our "School Supplies Drive" month. This year with the TRRP in September, we decided to wait until November to do our annual drive. We are very appreciative of those who take the time and effort to buy items for children in need in the past. We hope this year is just as successful.

It is important to note that all the donations we collect will be going to our TPHC Teachers. Here is a short list of needed items:

- Double sided tape
- Polymer (white) erasers
- Pencils
- Blue painters tape
- White and colored card stock
- Page protectors
- Laminating sheets
- Cotton balls,
- Glitter
- Class size snacks
- Regular markers & dry erase markers
- Scotch tape
- Colored printer paper
- 2 pocket plastic folders,
- Brothers TN-730 printer toner

Any and all donations are appreciated and will go to help out our under-funded school system. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS SANTA CLAUSING

What is Christmas Santa Clausing you ask? It's a great time!

On Saturday December 15th, the Tulsa Parrot Heads are meeting at Stillhouse Bar & Grill (Stillhouse is located at 89th and Memorial) to go Santa Causing.

We need everyone to arrive between 5:00pm and 5:30pm because the bus is leaving at 6:00pm. The cost to ride the bus is \$25. There are a couple of rules for this phun event:

1. You must dress like Santa Claus – **NO ELVES ALLOWED!** However, you are encouraged to put your own spin on Mr. Claus. For example, one year we had a Scottish Santa – He wore a Santa top and a kilt.
2. Bring a stocking or bag with candy in it to hand out to people (candy canes, chocolate, etc.)

The bus will take us to a variety of places downtown:

- Our first stop will be Winterfest (ice skating rink.) We will hand out candy to kids and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. After this, we will hop back on the bus and start our pub crawl.



- Bar 46
- Arnie's
- Fur Shop
- Inner Circle
- Soundpony
- McNellie's
- Open Container
- Fassler Hall
- Dust Bowl
- Elgin Park

At 11:00, we will hop back on the bus and it will take us back to our starting point. Those who want to stay out a little longer can of course Uber/Lyft your way home.

That is Santa Clausing in a nutshell. I think we should have beer/shots for the bus to help us get the Holiday Cheer flowing. We look forward to seeing all of you Santa's.

Your Santa Claus-
ing Host,

Beth Dee



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

An interview with Robbie Thames Submitted by Don Jones

This month's interviewee is Robbie Thames. Here's a few things I learned about this Parrot Head. Enjoy.



Besides "Parrot heading" do you have any hobbies? What do you do to chillax? We love to travel. We love the lake. I volunteer at Mayo school and am a Master Gardener. I am also very involved in my neighborhood. I consider myself the Wizard of my neighborhood. I love kids and people who have kids.

What trait or traits in people do you like the most? What traits do you like least? I like people who have respect for other people. I do not like grumpy old people. Life should be a party...everyday.

If there was no more Buffett or Trop Rock music, what would be on your playlist? I also love Bluegrass music. In fact, we just returned from Oklahoma's International Blue Grass Festival in Guthrie, OK.

Considering you are the most colorful member of the Tulsa Parrot Head Club, if you were the new color in the Crayola box, what color would you be? And why? I would be Turquoise...for my Cherokee heritage and Red Wine...for obvious reasons.

What is one thing that most Parrot Heads don't know about you? I don't wear sunglasses just to be stylish. I only have one good eye and now I have a cataract in it, so don't ask me to drive.

The next time you see Robbie, give her a big hug and a big thank you for her ongoing support of the Tulsa Parrot Heads Club. Phins Up!

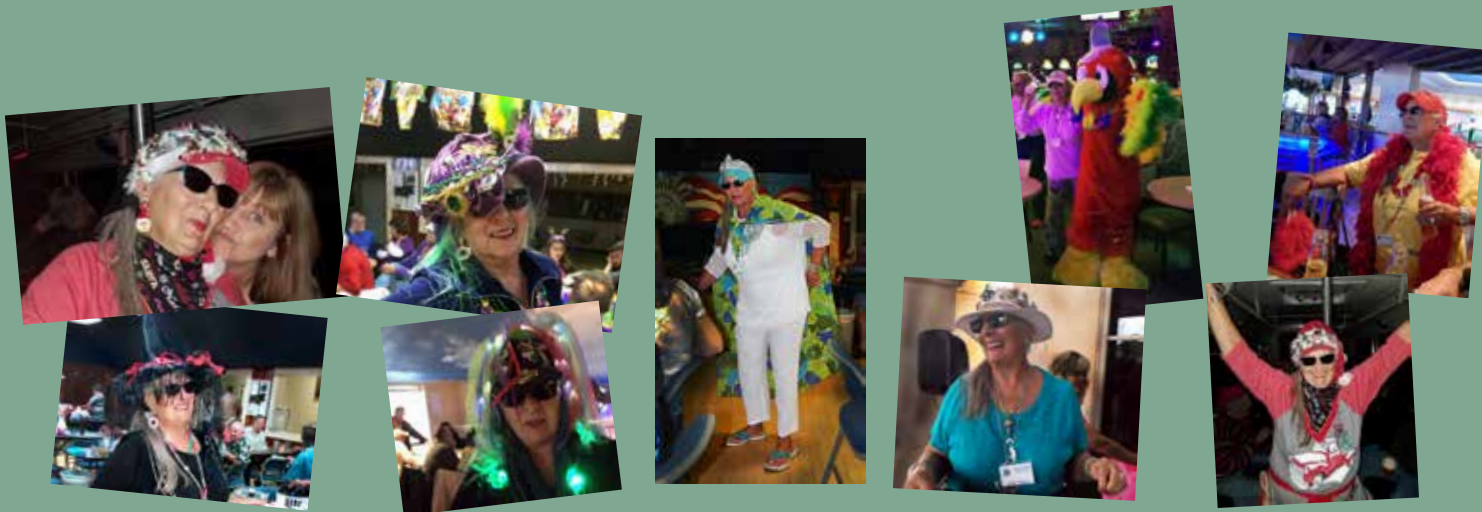
What or who first brought you to the Tulsa Parrot Head Club? Mike "Ottzie" Otzelberger, Mike Weaver, and Becky Eagan were responsible for bringing me to the Tulsa Parrot Head Club. Jack was actually Otzzie's boss at the time.

Tell us a bit about yourself. Where were you "born and raised?" What high school? College? I was born in Tulsa. Later we moved to Claremore and then to Berryhill where I graduated high school. I graduated from OSU (Go Pokes) with a degree in Home Economics. By the way, they don't have that anymore.

How many Buffett concerts have you attended? What was your favorite concert? We have attended about four (4) Buffett concerts. Our favorite was in Frisco, TX of course.

What is your favorite Buffett song(s)? Unlike most Parrot Heads, I love Margaritaville. I love margaritas, so I love the song.

What is your favorite Tulsa Parrot Head activity? I really love them all, but the golf tournament and the Fat Tuesday celebration are at the top of my list.



REVERSE ADVENT BASKET

The reverse advent basket starts November 14th and ends on December 11th. Pick-up your basket at our November TPHC meeting. Add non-perishable food items, toiletries, toys, and other items for a family in need. Return the filled basket to our December meeting.



CLUB MEETINGS

Do you have a place you would like to see us go for a Tulsa Parrot Head Club monthly meeting? Please let an officers know your suggestion(s). We are **ALWAYS** looking for somewhere different to go. Just remember it needs to be a place that can seat 50-60 people on a Tuesday evening. Non-smoking is preferred by most Parrot Heads and a place that serves food is of course a big bonus.

We look forward to hearing your suggestions!!!!

This Month's

Birthdays!

Arlene Stutzman	3rd	Laurie Pettit	11th	Joann Call	22nd
Greg Spears	4th	Danny Smith	11th	Greg Davis	26th
Joe Vaughn	5th	Beth Brock	18th	Rick Turley	26th
Devone Chezem	7th	Debbie Burling	18th	David Boley	29th
Donna Slawson	10th	Katy Spetter	20th	Ken Adams	30th



HEY FOLKS!!

Our Donation Box is nearly empty.

The box that holds the names of charities we donate **to** is running low. We draw names/charities from the box regularly for our monthly raffle and our other fundraising events.

If you know of a worthy cause or charity we should support please submit it to the donation box. It can be a charity you've submitted before because surely our one donation didn't take care of all their needs.

We just want to help. **Thanks!**



! TPHC Officer Nominations !

Nominations for Club Officers are now open!

We are accepting nominations for our 2019 club officers. All offices are open for anyone who would like to run. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Rebecca is resigning from secretary, so we need to fill that position. All other officers have agreed to continue on for another year if unopposed. Nominations are due to an existing officer by our **DECEMBER** meeting.

What's going on...?

Here are some events that are taking place in and around Oklahoma in the coming months.

Tuesday, December 4th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm - Central Oklahoma Parrot Head Association (COPA) is hosting a Tin Can Christmas Toy Drive for The Sharing Tree and The American Legion Auxiliary. It will be held at the Garage Burgers, 209 Outlet Shops Drive. Come help us make this an enjoyable Christmas for some very special children. Bring an unwrapped toy or game for ages 8 to 16 year. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have an event you would like listed (it doesn't have to be Parrot Head related) please contact Cathy or David.



PARROT HEAD HALLOWEEN BASH 2018



By Erin Casillas

Where to begin with a review of the White Trash Halloween Bash? Thanks to Mike's creativity, there were many decorations throughout the house which most of us would be embarrassed to display. A wind chime made out of a swim suit and beer cans, clothes line hung outside, a shirt hung in the bathroom to use as a hand towel, a toilet paper holder that said "nice butt," a homemade trugreen sign for lawn service along with bike tire lawn chairs, and a Welcum sign spelled using only phonetic spelling.



Erin tried to talk Mike into playing a game where we would place cans of corn and peas in the fire so we could watch them explode. Unfortunately, Mike vetoed that idea as it might have been taking things a bit too far. We had so many great costume ideas and creativity. The best costume winner for 2018 was Stacy Demas. Our photographer for the party was Lacey Boundy. She won a pair of house slippers made out of um...feminine pads and duct tape. Thanks to those who came and provided tasty yet questionable treats. In addition, most of us toured the house of Robbie Thames and Jack Kelsey. The decorations there were SPOOKTACULAR. Mike and Erin just love to entertain!



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Tulsa Parrot Heads Lend a Helping Hand to the Community Food Bank!!!

By Don Jones

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributes food and other grocery items to 360 Partner Agencies in eastern Oklahoma. During the fiscal year of 2018, the Food Bank has distributed more than 28 million pounds of food to 24 eastern Oklahoma counties. This agency relies heavily on volunteers to provide the labor

involved in the warehouse prior to distribution and we were there to help.

On October 30th, a group of Parrot Heads dropped in to the Community Food Bank to lend a helping

hand. After an adult beverage, the food team moved into the world of groceries, boxes, pallets and forklifts. After an hour and a half of teamwork, we had inventoried and repacked over 460 boxes of food items which were due to be shipped out the next day. The evening culminated with a “team drink” and a feeling of helping the less fortunate members of our community. Thank You Parrot Heads!



What happens in Vegas...

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All of us who had our IDs, made our way in and headed to the cabana and day bed we had rented. They were right in the middle of the action and we thoroughly enjoyed the various costumes sported by the party pholks. Revelers were there from several states as well as Canada and England. Music was delivered by our favorite Trop Rock group, The Boat Drunks, from Champaign, Illinois. The Fin Men made an appearance and posed for pics. Two other TPHC members, who happened to be in Vegas on “business”, dropped by to see us. Cheeseburgers in paradise were on the lunch menu as well as LandSharks and margaritas. Note: Some men should not wear speedos!

At round 5:00 O’Clock Somewhere, we boarded the monorail to make our way south to the MGM Grand. Concert time was in two hours and we need to get our bearings before the show. For your information, the MGM Grand is a very large casino. That is good to know in case you get separated from your group...separated, not lost. After a few stops, one for Jell-O shots, we made our way to our seats.

Caroline Jones opened the show with an in-person intro by Jimmy himself. The highlight was a number accompanied by Peter Mayer and his percussionist.

Boz Scaggs then followed Caroline. He ended his set with his classics Lido Shuffle and Lowdown. The opening acts were just enough to warm us up for the one person everyone came to see...the star of the show.

Everyone in our group agreed. This was one of the best Buffett concerts we had ever seen. Bubba seemed very energized...maybe because he was headed on vacation to enjoy his new sailboat. He played all of our faves and it was one giant sing along as always.

Sunday brought some much needed rest and relaxation. A group of us did manage to find a local biker bar for some afternoon entertainment, bawdy style. We all gathered once more at Binions that evening to have our picture made in front of the million bucks. Jammed together in front of the pile of money, almost all of us ended up in the picture. Dinner was at the Top of Binions. Tasty food, wonderful wine, and an awesome view of the city. We finished the evening back at the D Hotel bar for nightcaps and some last minute slots.

Most of us ventured back Monday since work was calling for some. Fremont Street, Slotzilla, and Vegas will never be quite the same. A great time enjoyed by all!





Welcome Members!

For the first time in many months, there were no new members at our October meeting. So take this opportunity, at our next meeting, to strike up a conversation with a current member that you have not spoken with for a while. Or, just go up to an unsuspecting TPHC member and give them a great big hug!



The Tulsa Parrot Head On-line Store is **OPEN!**

You can now go online and shop for T-shirts, Hats and Koozies in a variety of colors and sizes.

You can purchase tickets to Parrot Head events, pay dues, or make donations all from the comfort of your home

Go online and take a look around.

Go to Tulsaparrotheads.com and click on the "Shop" tab.



Shirts/hats/koozies in stock! We have lots of shirts, hats and koozies in stock. Check website for sizes, styles and colors.

New members get \$5 off any club shirt or hat.

Heads Up! The December meeting will be at the **American Legion**. We will be having a holiday pot luck so everyone should bring their favorite snack or appetizer to share with the group.

Remember to check our website regularly for club news and updates.

www.tulsaparrotheads.com

Thanks Loads to Kathleen Watts, our Webmaster. *Past & Present 'Finelines' can be found on our website under the "Worth a Look" tab*

Also for all you Facebookers, check out the TPHC Facebook page.

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