



St. Somewhere Times

May-June 2017

MESSAGE FROM OUR PREZ

Hello Friends,

WOW! What a first four months of the year. We have really gained traction during the spring helping, giving, and having phun. The Route 66 PHC; what can I say, you are a great group, great friends, with big hearts. We have been able to raise 5100 dollars so far this year, with our clubs member's and non-club member's support. I am looking forward to a great summer as a parrot head with everyone involved.

Rendezvous was fantastic, The Route 66 PHC earned 1st place with most member participation at Rendezvous 2017. It was a terrific four day's we listened to lots of music, had lots of phun, and partied with a purpose. Panama City Beach PHC put on a great event; all

the proceeds and donations went to Girls Inc. inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

What we do is amazing; with only having 95 members, we are a small group. We are always putting our best foot forward. Every time I tell

"We like to party with a purpose as we perform community service projects and donate to charities."

someone how much money and donation's we have raised people are set back. The average volunteer participation in a club is typically 30% of the members are always participating. We on the other hand for meetings we average 30-35%, when we have our fundraisers that number climbs even higher. I get feedback all the time "we want to do more". So since we are already better than the average

for member participation, the other way we can raise more and do more for our community is recruit more members. How do you do this you ask? Spread the word outside our club and bring friends, which have the same interests, in raising money and helping people in need. We just signed up two new members at Baby Stella fundraiser. They came to us through members who invited them to the event.

We have several events remaining this year, Crawfish and Shrimp Boil, Luau at the River, Boots and Bling, just to name a few. So you have plenty of opportunities to bring future members to the Route 66 PHC. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks,
Donnie Kerksieck

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ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jane Reed	5/10	Mark Fuchs	6/2
Mitch Jackson	5/11	Sierra Fuchs	6/2
Melody Buehrle	5/23	Richard Sheleski	6/5
Craig Cox	5/26	Pam Ray	6/6
Theresa Schmitt	5/28	Craig Brown	6/28
Jeff Palazzolo	5/29		
Don Westling	5/29		



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

5/6/17	Happy Acres Field Trip (tentative)
5/11/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
5/13/17	STLPHC Night at the Races
5/20/17	Keith Sykes House Concert at the Fuchs

JUNE

6/3/17	Clinton County PHC Golf Scramble
6/8/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
6/17/17	STLPHC Beach Party
6/20/17	Meramec Community Fair Parade
6/23/17	John Friday House Concert at the Fuchs
6/23/17	STLPHC Margaritaville Night
6/24/17	Crawfish/Shrimp Boil

JULY

7/8/17	Luau at the Davis'
7/8/17	CIPHC Leather and Leis
7/13/17	Monthly Meeting w/HOUSE Concert (Kitty Steadman/Melanie Howe)
7/29-30/17	Trop Rockin River Fest

AUGUST

8/10/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
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SEPTEMBER

9/23/17	NOTE: Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting/Chili
9/23/17	Donny Brewer at the Port of Indecision

OCTOBER

10/7/17	Wine Party at the Davis'
10/12/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
10/14/17	Clinton County PHC Birthday Party/Bus Trip
10/21/17	CubaFest

NOVEMBER

11/1-5/17	Meeting of the Minds
11/9/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
11/18/17	Christmas Party
11/25/17	Clinton County PHC Christmas Party & Parade

DECEMBER

12/2/17	STLPHC Holiday Party
12/14/17	Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting
12/17/17	Happy Acres Christmas Party

ITEMS IN BLUE ARE ROUTE 66 PHC CLUB EVENTS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARROT HEADS—GEORGE & JANE REED

By Jeff Palazzolo

Welcome to our bi-monthly "Getting to Know Your Fellow Parrot Heads" where we will take a peek inside our fellow members lives to get to know them just a little better.

This installment will be with the Reed's, our retired CanAm motorcycle riding couple that prominently displays the Route 66 Parrot Head Logo on George's Spyder.

Jane Reed is the 2016 Route 66 Parrot Head of the Year.

Name

George & Jane (a.k.a. Suzanne) Reed

Hometown

Cuba, Missouri

Occupation

George

Happily retired from Steelville & Cuba public schools

Jane

Happily retired from Cuba public schools

Hometown/School

George

Born in Neosho, Mo.
Went to college at Crowder & SMS, Springfield

Jane

Born & raised in Sullivan, Mo.
Went to college in Springfield, Mo.

Pets

There are 2 dogs in the Reed household. Beau is their Labrador & Great Pyrenees mix. He weighs in at over 100 pounds and creates lots of shedding hair. They also have a Wire Haired Fox Terrier named Tanner and 1 fat cat that goes by Harley. All the Reed pets are rescue animals

How long Have you been in Route 66 PHC?

The Reed's have been part of Route 66 PHC since 2012.

How did you get involved in Route 66 PHC?

The Reeds get a little foggy on the chain of events,

best they can remember, there was a function "Race For the Rocker" that ended up at Belmont Winery. Some adult beverages were consumed and this is where it gets a little hazy ... next thing they know, they were filling out applications, paying dues and as they say ... the rest is history.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARROT HEADS—GEORGE & JANE REED—CONTINUED

Has your opinion of Parrot heads changed once you became a parrot head?

We started for the party and soon discovered the charitable side (same answer from every interview, I like it so I'll keep it in here)

Favorite Music Genre

George: 60's rock

Jane: Country Rock

Favorite Buffet Song

Without hesitation, both Reeds picked Margaritaville

1st Concert

George: Jim Croce

Jane: Herman's Hermit's

Last concert (major venue)

Merle Haggard

How you met significant other?

Since both were teachers in the same school district, they met at work.

What's your relaxation-hobby?

Both George & Jane are avid Can-Am Spyder enthusiast. Throughout the summer, they enjoy making many cross country trips on their Spyderys. In addition,

George is known to enjoy a good game of poker, while **Jane** has a passion for photography.

What are you driving?

George: Dodge RAM pos (ask any car person what pos means)

Jane Prius



1 interesting thing nobody knows about you

George sings in the church Choir.

Jane is the Tour Guide for Cuba Murals. She also takes adoption photos at the animal shelter.



MUSICIAN'S SPOTLIGHT

Keith Sykes

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Once upon a time in the summer of 1967, Keith Sykes hitchhiked to the Newport Folk Festival and saw Arlo Guthrie perform "Alice's Restaurant." In the fall of that year he got a copy of the album, learned the whole song and sang it at a Holiday Inn in Charleston, South Carolina. They hired him on the spot for a regular gig playing music in the hotel.

It's pretty perfect that such a rambling tale should be at the start of Keith's own rambling tale – in the more than 40 years that followed, he would become a troubadour and storyteller, a massively successful songwriter with more than 100 songs recorded by artists as diverse as Rosanne Cash and George Thorogood. He would tour every corner of America and play in just about every conceivable kind of venue, appear on Saturday



Night Live and Austin City Limits, and host songwriter nights on Memphis' legendary Beale Street with many of music's most talented songwriters. He would join

Keith Sykes House Concert at Mark & Colleen's House on May 20, 2017

Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, tour the country and record the Volcano album – the title track for which he co-wrote with Jimmy.

To date, recordings of Keith's songs have sold more than 25 million copies worldwide.

With 13 full-length albums released – and great success with his own publishing company, credited with signing John Kilzer to Geffen Records and the discovery of Todd Snider – Keith Sykes has proven to be nothing short of prolific.

And of course, he's not done just yet. Keith continues to tour relentlessly, and recently released Songs From A Little Beach Town in 2016.

To read an in-depth account of Keith's career, go to:
<http://03cee12.netsolhost.com/>

HAPPY ACRES RESIDENTIAL CARE EASTER BUNNY DELIVERY

At the April monthly meeting (Thursday, April 13, 2017), members of the Route 66 PHC brought items to put in Easter Baskets for the residents of Happy Acres Residential Care Facility.

As is the norm with this generous club, the amount of donated items was overwhelming. The club had hoped to fill one large basket. However, after all the items were collected, two overflowing baskets were assembled.

On Easter Sunday, April 16th, all members were invited to deliver the baskets.

Pam & Rich Ray, Mary Barbara Fitzgerald, Mona & Tim Davis and daughter Erin had the honor and privilege of delivering the goodies.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed their treats and gifts. As always, they were very appreciative of the Route 66 Parrot Head Club.



The Route 66 PHC has unofficially adopted the people at Happy Acres. Interaction with these individuals has proven to be a mutually rewarding experience.



FIRST MODOT TRASH PICK UP FOR 2017

Route 66 Parrot Heads Keeping It Clean

The first Route 66 PHC MoDot Trash Pick Up was held on Sunday, March 5th.

Fourteen enthusiastic members were there to make our little corner of the world a little bit cleaner.

In total 32 bags of trash were collected. A couple of the unusual items found was a boxing glove and an old aluminum ice cube tray.

Our next scheduled MoDot Trash Pick Up is Sunday, May 21.



TAB-TOP PROGRAM *RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES*

For the last several years, Linda and Craig Brown, on the Route 66 PHC's behalf, have been collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

The tab top program invites people of all ages to collect aluminum tabs from beverage cans to support The House That Love Built!

Although the whole can is valuable, the tab is much cleaner and easier to collect in large quantities (limited

storage space), while also being made of high-grade aluminum. By itself, a tab doesn't seem like much, but even small tabs can make a big difference for the families served.

A big thank you to the Browns for spearheading this effort!



ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS ON THE MOVE ... PANAMA CITY RENDEZVOUS

By Rich Ray

Panama City Parrot Head Rendezvous started with humble beginnings 11 years ago with just 50 attendees, lasting two nights and raising \$3,000 for the local sea turtle rescue organization. Today, Parrot Head Rendezvous hosts 500 attendees over 3 1/2 days and in the last 11 years has raised \$233,000 for various charities, mostly focused on children in their community.

In February of 2012, Route 66 PHC received its charter and became an official, sanctioned Parrot Head Club. As a new club, we were interested in seeing what other clubs were doing. So in April of 2012, six of us decided to check out one of the Parrot Head functions and made our first trip to the Panama City Rendezvous. *We were hooked!*

Since then, Pam & I have not missed this event. This year, I am happy to report, 25 of our members joined us for this event. From all indications, it appears they are hooked as well!

This year, not only did I get to party with Route 66 PHC, I had the added pleasure of partying with 500 members from other clubs. To top it all off, our club received the award for the club with the most registered members!

Each year, the Rendezvous has a tent decorating contest. As we were lucky enough to get 3 front row tent spaces, we decided to decorate. But



Most Members Award

what should our theme be ...

Proceeds from this year's Rendezvous were to go to Girls, Inc. The executive director, Niki Kelly, was contacted to see if they had any special needs or requests. It was determined that they could use items for their summer camps.

Since this club LOVES to party with a purpose, we decided to decorate our pop up tents with items that could be used at camp. All three of our tents were decorated with hundreds of flip flops, sun glasses, sun screen, beach towels, squirt guns as well as lights and other decorations. Representatives from Girls Inc. attending the

Rendezvous were very pleased with our idea. As an added bonus, one of our tents won third place in the tent decorating contest. (should have been first).

This event is a blast. 3 1/2 days on the beach listening to great music with great PHriends. Music, ocean and adult beverages ... doesn't get any better! Weather was glorious ... around 82 and sunny everyday, with the exception of Sunday which had a little rain blow in, then out. The sun shone the rest of the day.

I would encourage everyone to put this on their calendar for next year. You don't know what you are missing.



Some of our donated tent decorations



Banner made and donated by Marlene Guittar

12TH ANNUAL PARROT HEAD RENDEZVOUS 2017

By Colleen Fuchs

What an amazing weekend! Great music, phriends galore and a beautiful beach! You couldn't ask for anything more! The Panama City Beach Parrothead Rendezvous is always a fantastic event and the 12th Annual was no exception. This was the year of "Growing Older But Not Up".

As always, Parrotheads party with a purpose! This year the purpose was Girls, Inc. Girls, Inc. in-spires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through direct service and advocacy. There were representatives from Girls, Inc. at the event all weekend and it was nice to interact with them and hear how important this charity is to them. They expressed how thankful they were to all of us attending the event. The total proceeds going to Girls, Inc. has not been fully

calculated yet.

A shout out is in order to Danny Lynn, with Tiki Island Radio for live-broadcasting the event all week-end.

The event kicked off on Thursday evening at Sharky's, with Drop Dead Dangerous on the beach, who never disappoint! JD and Paul from Southern Drawl Band were both on stage with them rockin' it out too!

Friday, The Meet & Greet, hosted by the Panama City Beach Parrot Head Club was held at the Hideaway Bar & Grill. Local musician Gene Mitchell performed and had many of us up dancing and kicking off the day with some cold beer and boat drinks.

After the Meet & Greet, Jeff & The Camaros started the phun-

filled day of music on the beach, with much crowd participation. In addition, Jeff was the event MC, helping to make sure everything went as planned and stayed on schedule. The other musicians that performed on Friday were Donny Brewer, who called up Kitty Steadman to perform several songs with him, and ending the night was Southern Drawl Band.

Saturday morning started with John Reno. Nothing better than listening to live music on the sand, with the beautiful ocean as our backdrop, drinking Bloody Mary's! Following John, were Rick Lamb & The Phin Addicts. Next, was The Sounds of Summer, which I myself had never heard of. Wow!!! They were such high energy and really got the crowd up and sand dancing in front of the



RENDEZVOUS CONTINUED ...

stage. They are a Beach Boys tribute band out of Indiana...and they were unbelievable!! It was like having the real Beach Boys there on the beach with us. To finish off Saturday night, was Jim Asbell & The Tropicolics.

There was no shortage of contests and games throughout the weekend, such as tent/canopy decorating, jello shot contest, boat drink contest, phun hat contest and a thumb tucking ball toss game. You paid \$10 in order to be a judge for the jello shot and boat drink contests, with the proceeds going to Girls, Inc. \$1,310 was raised by the Phun and Games Committee!

Girls, Inc. had a Cork Pull....a super creative idea for a bunch

of Parrotheads! You pick a cork for \$20 and you win a bottle of booze that matches the number on your cork. Some won some very ex-pensive booze! Great way to raise money for Girls, Inc.

There was an award for the Parrothead that traveled the farthest to attend the event and also, to the club that had the most attendees. The Route 66 Parrothead Club won the award for most people from one club that attended, with 25 attendees. I was proud of that award, as I am a member of the Route 66 PHC!

Everyone was sad to see this phin-tastic weekend come to an end, but there was still music to be heard! The Conch Fritters played Sunday morning inside

Sharky's, due to rain. It was actually quite nice and was a really intimate atmosphere. Last but not least, Don Middlebrook concluded the day with his phabulous pure Trop Rock music. Don is one of the hardest working Trop Rock musicians I know! He is amazing! I was super honored that he wrote a song for me, and Sunday was the first time I had heard it....it was a hit!! I can't wait for everyone to hear it!

This phun-filled weekend of music only cost \$80, which included a "Cheeseburger in Paradise" on Saturday afternoon, free breakfast at Sharky's on both Saturday & Sunday mornings, event tee-shirt and goody bag.



Route 66 PHC Most Registered Members

As the man himself, Jimmy Buffett said, "the wrinkles only go where the smiles have been", so I must have a ton of new wrinkles from this phabulous weekend. I made so many new phriends and re-connected with several old ones. This event represents exactly what a Parrothead event should be. Kudos to the PCB Parrothead Club! Sea you all next year!

BABY STELLA ... MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

It has become a tradition. Every year, Trop Rock Music Association Award Winner and all around nice guy, Don Middlebrook comes town. He is here to provide us with great entertainment while we work to raise money for a sick child who could use a little extra help.

This year was no different. We were touched when we heard the story of Baby Stella and her family. Stella was diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder called SCN8A. There are less than 150 known cases of SCN8A in the entire world and Stella's specific mutation is 100% unique to her! The club voted that this was a cause we could get behind and support.

I cannot thank enough the members who stepped up to make this event a success. We had members who prepared food, served, decorated, donated, worked the 50/50, worked the silent auction and last but certainly not least, the cleanup crew. I'm afraid to mention names in fear I would forget someone.

Mike Baetz made a beautiful, custom glass piece of artwork

and donated it to the silent auction. Some of us members thought it would be a beautiful piece to present to Stella's family. So with that in mind, we sought out donations from our members to make a club bid on the item. I am happy to report, we collected \$230 and won the bid. This beautiful piece of art will be presented with the check on Monday, May 15, 2017 at Ray's Happy Island. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We collected \$700 in the 50/50 raffle (thank you Kate Palazzolo and Sierra Fuchs for taking the lead on this). Tom Heap won the raffle. In true Parrot Head fashion, he donated his winning back to Stella. The final tally on the silent auction had Route 66 PHC taking in \$1695. In addition, over \$400 in donations was collected from 8 members and individuals. So, after all

expenses were paid, we will be presenting a check for \$4300 to Baby Stella for her medical expenses. GREAT JOB ROUTE 66 PHC!!!

Over the years, we have held 3 previous benefits for children. In 2014, we held our first child benefit for Zac Gossage. Zac has Leukemia. 2015 found us raising money for Gilbert Riegel who was diagnosed with Hypoplastic Right Heart Syndrome. And who can forget last year's benefit for Kasen Halbert. Kasen does not let Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone Disease) hold him back. In total, over the last four years, Route 66 Parrot Heads have raised almost \$18,500 for the children.

AWESOME JOB ...



BABY STELLA PICS

For additional photos, check out our facebook page



CRAWFISH & SHRIMP BOIL

Date: June 24th, 2017

Place: Rohrer Park, Rohrer Lane, Sullivan, MO

Time: 12:00 noon

Eat: 4:00 pm

John Friday 1:00-4:00 pm

Thom Shepherd & Coley McCabe 5:00-8:00 pm

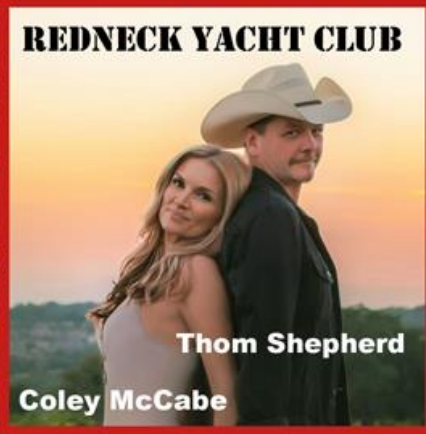
\$30.00 per person

**ADVANCED TICKET
PURCHASE**

**RSVP with full payment
by June 10, 2017**



John Friday



REDNECK YACHT CLUB

Thom Shepherd

Coley McCabe

FUNDRAISER FOR RUSSELL HOUSE

Russell House is a non-profit organization that provides services to victims of family violence and their children. They seek to break the cycle of violence by increasing public awareness of the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault, acting as advocates for victims, coordinate resources and provide safe environment for survivors.

If you feel moved to, we will be collecting items for Russell House.

Items needed:

- Flip Flops (all sizes, including children)
- Bath Towels & Wash Cloths
- Kitchen Utensils
- Pots & Pans
- Personal Care Items

Directions from I-44 West:

Take 1st Sullivan Exit, turn right off of ramp
You will be on N. Loop Road
Right on Highway AF
Left on Spring Bluff Road (2nd left)
Left on North & South Road (1st left)
Right at Rohrer Lane (top of hill)
Follow until you see party

Directions from I-44 East:

Take 2nd Sullivan Exit, turn left off of ramp
Follow the rest of the directions above.

There will be a flag/banner at the entrance to the park.

**RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK OR YOU CAN GO ONLINE TO PAY AT:
www.route66parrotheads.com**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$30.00 = Check Amount to: Route 66 PHC, P O Box 426, Sullivan, MO 63080
For info contact: Pam Ray at Email: route66parrothead@gmail.com or Cell: (314) 578-4413

TROPROCKIN' RIVER FEST

July 28-30, 2017

Ozark Outdoors Riverfront Resort
Leasburg, MO



Sunny Jim

John Reno

Paul Roush

Donny Brewer

Cory Young

Mike McEnergy

Friday 7-10 pm/John Reno, Saturday 4-7 pm/Cory Young, 7-10 pm/Sunny Jim & Donny Brewer
Sunday 9:30-11:30 am/Bloody Mary's w/Paul Roush

\$50 REGISTRATION

(Includes Dinner Sat. Night & Sun. Bloody Mary Brunch)

\$20—Friday Night ONLY

\$35—Saturday Night ONLY

Must register NO LATER than July 10th

PayPal: paypal.me/troprockin OR

Mail check to: TropRockin River Fest

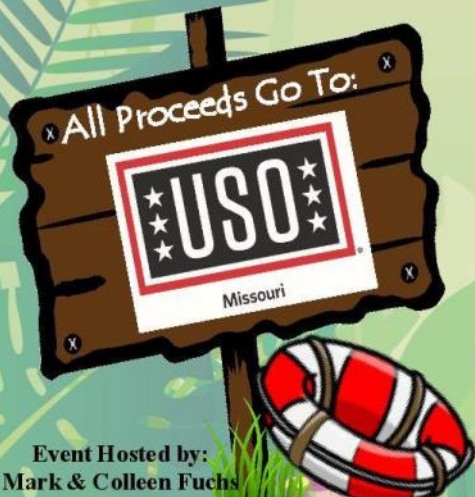
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Mike McEnergy will be entertaining us during the organized tube float! Details to Follow!

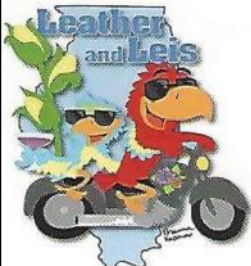
Call 800-888-0023 to reserve your lodging!

Cabins, motel, RV & tent spaces available on-site

Other off-site hotels within 10-15 miles in Sullivan and Cuba



Event Hosted by:
Mark & Colleen Fuchs



Leather and Leis River Run 2017

Saturday July 8, 2017
10 AM - 8 PM

Motorcycle - Boat
Automobile - Bus

\$20 advance / \$25 day of (dinner included)
ciphc.org or 309-323-0017

- Kuchie's on the Water (10 -11:30am)
 - No Wake Zone
 - Bananas
 - Lacon Legion
 - East Peoria Boat Club (5-8pm)
- Music and dinner

Benefitting





Registration for the 26th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2017 is Open!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR PARROT HEADS!!

Hello Everyone! Happy Holidays! It is time to let you know that Meeting of the Minds 2017 registration is open! The Casa Marina is also now ready to take your reservation for Meeting of the Minds 2017!! But hurry on the reservations as the hotel sold out in three weeks last year!

2017 MEETING OF THE MINDS REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 27th!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 26th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS 2017 OPENED AT 12:00 NOON EST on DECEMBER 27, 2016!! Here is the link: <https://www.php.com/meeting>. Choose the "REGISTRATION" button IN THE LOWER LEFT of the link above AND YOU ARE ON THE WAY TO REGISTERING! If you have ANY QUESTIONS about Meeting of the Minds registration questions are generally answered at this FAQ link: <https://www.php.com/meeting-faq>.

I want to take a moment to tell you that you will have opportunities to register for volunteer activities when you register. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE GIFT BAG STUFFING EVENT please register early as that event is sold out when we reach 125 people. This will fill VERY QUICKLY. Do not delay if you want to participate as there are NO EXCEPTIONS after we reach the limit. That same rule applies to all the other volunteer positions but they tend to fill up more slowly than the gift bag party...

ROUTE 66 PARROT HEAD CLUB

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We are an inclusive social club whose purpose is to bring together like-minded folks infused with the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett as well as his kick-back lifestyle, music and writings. We desire to leave things a little better than we found them while having a BLAST doing it. We like to party with a purpose as we perform community service projects and donate to charities.

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