



# One Particular Newsletter

News from the Parrotheads of the Old Dominion  
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## One Particular Award Winning Newsletter!!



By Catie Harper  
Staff Writer

We are SO proud to announce that "One Particular Newsletter", our very own club newsletter, took home 3rd place honors in the Newsletter Contest at the Meeting of the Minds!

The Meeting of the Minds is the annual gathering of Parrotheads in Key West. It happens every November. This year, the event included a Newsletter Contest sponsored by Parrotheads in Paradise (PHiP). Thirty clubs from across the country submitted copies of their newsletter for judging. Five judges reviewed the entries, and made their choices based on design, content, and editing.

Other award winners included, 1st place - Sarasota Bay Parrothead Club; and 2nd place - Parrotheads in Amish Paradise (did you know I used to live near their territory? hmmm...)

Winners were announced and awards were presented at the breakfast for all the Parrothead Club Presidents. Our President, Norm Styer, was on hand to hear our club name called; and clubmember, Jack LaMay, went up to accept the award our behalf.

Everyone was so excited about the win. Even Way Too Tall Torrie chimed in from Florida with a big "AWESOME!" Everyone in the club was proud of our 3rd place finish. Next year we are aiming for 1st place!!

### From The Helm:

Congratulations to everyone who helped make 2011 another successful one for the club.

We organized more than 40 club events: fun social gatherings, road cleanups and meal services. Through the course of the year, a full three quarters of our membership participated in at least one club event. While you may wonder why 25 percent of our members would pay dues but not attend any events, a 75 percent participate rate actually stacks up well when you compare it to other clubs around the country.

We also racked up about 2 hours of community service for each member on our roster. Admittedly, that work was done by a much smaller number of members. Too few of us have experienced the sense of satisfaction that comes with taking just a few hours each quarter to beautify our two sections of adopted highway or prepare a hot meal at SERVE.

Administratively, if you can use that term with our club, much of the focus over the past year has been to get more people involved in the club's operations. Not only do we want to prevent burnout from having one or two members do nearly all the club's work but we also want to have as many people involved in the club's leadership as possible.

This year we want to continue that effort by improving communication, both among those taking on those tasks and the membership at large. Reviving the newsletter will help with that effort. We also will be having more frequent Helm Committee meetings so we can get more done in face-to-face meetings and less by flurries of emails.

We already have a lot of events planned for 2012, plenty of opportunities for you to spend more time with the 75 percent and get the most out of your membership investment. Also, there is always room in the calendar to add something that you might want to do—if this club isn't doing the type of events you want it is only because you haven't made the plan.

2011 was a great year for us; let's make 2012 just as great—together.





# Project SERVE Team 4

## SERVING IT UP IN GRAND FASHION!!

By: Diane Morvay  
Guest Writer

The Morvay/Wilshere Team prepared dinner for SERVE residents on November 9, 2011. Chef Kevin smoked two hams and deep fried three turkey breasts! Diane Wilshere was the Queen of Mac and Cheese. Les was in charge of the oven roasted potatoes. I was in charge of green beans, and made two New Orleans chocolate cakes. Megan kept busy assisting with the salad, and helping anyone who needed it.

The residents at SERVE were thrilled to have something different. Many residents talked to Kevin, complementing him on the ham and turkey. The kids were thrilled with the macaroni and cheese. The New Orleans chocolate cake was a hit... although most people said they really enjoyed the "brownies". (After explaining it numerous times, I gave up and just said I was glad they enjoyed the "brownies".)

This was an AWESOME experience! The residents enjoyed the dinner as much as we enjoyed preparing it for them. We can't wait for our next turn!



(Above) Diane Wilshere, Queen of Mac & Cheese, wielding her scepter.



## Thanks From Our Troops!!

Dear Parrotheads,

Once again, thank you so much for the surprise packages. I called Vince after the first arrived and he explained that you all had thrown the most raucous party with us in mind. As mentioned in my previous letter, I will be sharing this with the Marines of IIMEF once I am back with them. I am unable to enjoy the movies right now because I live in a little plywood "hut" that holds about eight of us. Hard to tell how many. I don't think the inside of the hut has seen light except for the small desk lamp and book light that people use. I usually feel my way along the alternating bedsheets/woolblanket walls people erected to separate their little 7 x 10" living space. I am the second wool blanket wall on the left. The service men are doing a great job over here. I've seen the spectrum from BN CDRS who drink chai with the District Governors, to the young troops who attack remote locations at night. All good work. Much left to do though.

Semper fi, Jeff

(September 11, 2011 Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan)



Posing with our banners...

(Above) Jeff Scofield (Vince & Sue Miller's son-in-law) serving in Afghanistan.

(Left) Leza Horton's brother is on the right in this picture.



... to the  
following club  
members who  
have birthdays  
in the first  
quarter :

### JANUARY

13 Dina Bessa  
14 Robert Barton  
19 Ally Taylor  
20 Norm Styer  
27 Mike Marks

### FEBRUARY

5 Chris Reed  
5 John Friday  
15 Missy Miller  
16 LaRee Pallone  
16 Carol Buckingham  
29 Bonnie Peery

### MARCH

2 Tamara Teele  
5 Susanne Miller  
6 Mike Peery  
6 Sam Wiley  
9 Chris Again  
10 Vince Miller  
11 Alyssa Warner  
25 Amy Appleby  
29 Dvora Sheremeta





# Here there be pirates...

By Joan Smith

Staff Writer

Many centuries ago, pirates visited Tybee Island looking for safe haven and a place to hide their treasure, as well as food and fresh water.

Five hundred years later, Tybee Island still offers these same benefits to modern day pirates as they host their annual Pirate Fest every October.

This year Norm and Sue Styer headed down to Georgia to check out the festival. It looks like they fit right in! Arrrrrrgh!!!



## POD and Unos Support SERVE's Operation Turkey

By Alyssa Warner  
Staff Writer

On November 6 the Parrotheads of the Old Dominion got together at Uno's in Manassas to play bingo and eat pasta. Like most Parrothead events, this party had a purpose. We collected money and food donations for SERVE's Operation Turkey. SERVE is a non-profit organization that gives emergency assistance to families in need. Operation Turkey is SERVE's campaign to give a Thanksgiving meal to over 1,100 community residents who might not otherwise have a nice meal for the holiday.

Coordinator Joan Smith said, "Pasta and Bingo is one of my favorite events of the year! Our teen members do a GREAT job running the bingo and collecting the donated non-perishables. Unos is very kind in supporting us every year. They donate the pasta, so the money we collect all goes straight to Operation Turkey. They are also very generous in allowing us to use the restaurant for our game, and their staff is always just great!"

Attendee Julia Smith said, "My favorite part of this event was calling out bingo numbers and eating scrumdiliumptious pasta."

In all, we donated \$240 and 210 pounds of food to Operation Turkey. Best of all, we had a great time in the process!!



## POD Girls Brave Snow to Get NAKED!

By Joan Smith  
Staff Writer

It was snowy and Naked Mountain had a twisty, steep road down, but we made it to Naked Mountain for our wine tasting and had a GREAT time! Our wine basket for Midwinter is going to ROCK!! We hope you join us for our 2012 wine tasting series.



Catie's Word of the Quarter:

## ZYGODACTYLOUS

**Definition:** "Having two toes pointing forward, and two toes pointing backward."

**Catie's Defintion:** Having really ODD toes.

**Used in a Sentence:**

**Julia:** "Why is that old pirate hobbling?"

**Catie:** "He must have zygodactylous toes."

**Alyssa:** ""Maybe he just danced too much at the shindig?"



# The Meeting of the Minds

By Lynn Czarny

Guest Writer

Club members Lynda and Kenny survived their first trip to the annual Key West bash. They were on the fence for months before deciding to take the plunge. Kenny was sure that they would love it and so was Lynda, but her fears of tribes of happy naked people lurked in the back of her mind. I assured her that those happy naked tribes would be all parodied out from Fantasy Fest before our arrival. Soon after our plane touched down the virgins seemed excited and positively anticipating the next 5 days. They tried to cover a lot that first day and ended up falling into bed late that night and didn't even notice the crowded hot tub just outside of their room. However, with a slight hangover, the next couple of days were more laid back-Key West style. Wouldn't you know it, old Jimmy himself actually showed up this year. We let them think that he usually does but we were a bit surprised. On their next to last night there they decided to turn in a little earlier and were greeted by those same hot tubbing Parrotheads. Only this time they were invited to join them. Lynda replied that she had forgotten to pack her swimsuit.....and they stood up and replied...NO SUITS NEEDED! Linda ran into her room and we did not see them until the holiday party!! (OK, so that's an exaggeration.) They said that they had a great time and met a lot of great people.







**SCENES  
FROM  
KEY  
WEST**





# POD Celebrates Christmas

By Julia Smith  
Staff Writer

The crowd was gathered on either side of us and floats were both behind and before us as we danced our way down the streets of Old Town Manassas. For the fifth consecutive year the Parrotheads of the Old Dominion participated in the annual Manassas Christmas Parade. We march to raise awareness for our club in one of the main communities where our clubmembers live.

This year we decorated the float in the theme of "Christmas Remembered" including a scrapbook filled with event pictures, large photos of past floats, and a Christmas tree that contained pieces from the past four parades.

"The Manassas Christmas Parade is a great way to give our club visibility in one of the communities we serve," said event co-coordinator Joan Smith. Many Parrotheads showed up... all were important whether walking, riding the float, or handing out lollipops.

"Donovan and Adam bugged me daily to check and see if there was still going to be a parade and that they STILL could be part of the float," said Mary Leone, "Adam even practiced saying 'Merry Christmas!' On the way home, they both said, 'Can we do it again next year?'"

Only three days later, fantastic news reached our ears. Our float won first place in the club/organization group! The parade was a lot of fun, the weather was cool but not freezing, the sun was shining, and we were with friends. I can't wait for next year either!





# Parrothead Style!



We're so proud of clubmember, LaRee Pallone. LaRee has been working hard to shape up and lose weight, and her hard work has not gone unnoticed. LaRee won the "Biggest Health Change" contest at her gym, and was not only featured in an ad campaign, she also rode on the gym's float in the Manassas Christmas parade. We missed her on our float, but we all cheered her big win! WAY TO GO, LaRee!!



The Leesburg Parade is always the weekend after the Manassas Parade. We participate in both parades because our membership draws heavily from both communities. The Leesburg Parade is more laid back... always fun... and ALL about the CANDY!! It's also about the dog treats. Amy Appleby and Tony Two-Toes Toprano are crowd favorites at the parade, and so are the treats that they hand out to the 4-legged spectators along the route. Treats are donated by the Catoctin Veterinary Clinic. It was a beautiful day, and a good time was had by all.





# Spreading Some Christmas Cheer...

By: Alyssa Warner  
Staff Writer

Christmas is really all about giving. As the Parrotheads of the Old Dominion arrived at O'Raleigh's Pub for the annual Christmas party, they each brought gifts to donate to the High Risk Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program in Manassas. At the end of the night we had collected \$390 in gift certificates and a trunk full of gifts for the kids in this program, who wouldn't have had a merry Christmas without our support. Amber Warner, one of the event coordinators, said "We have supported HIDTA for a long time now." The staff at HITDA returned the gesture by presenting us with a plaque of appreciation signed by President Obama in gratitude for our ongoing efforts!

But hey, it was a party! David McKenney had everyone singing and dancing in the pub, while our favorite bartender served up drinks. Bonnie Peery offered this enthusiastic review, "This party ROCKED!! I don't know if it was the friends... or the music... or a combination of both. It was just the BEST!" Maybe she was a little biased (as she was one of the coordinators) but Julia Smith echoed her sentiments saying, "My favorite part of the Christmas party was the great food and seeing my best friends. Overall, the event was successful and fun, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

The staff writers of One Particular Newsletter would like to personally thank Amy Appleby for her contribution to the party. Even though she wasn't able to make it, she sent the pretzel things for all of us to enjoy... and we TOTALLY did! In all, the party was a reflection of POD's year... a celebration of great friends doing great things... together.





# ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

By: Amber Warner

Guest Writer

What a great setup Kevin and Diane Wilshere have in their backyard! And on November 13, they shared it with the club as they hosted the Redskins/Dolphins football game. The weather was chilly but we had a fire burning out on the patio to keep us warm, while watching the game on the outdoor TV. There was plenty of delicious food (and drink of course), pinball to play, and Kevin and Pete even went for a dip in the hot tub. Even though the Redskins fans were disappointed with the outcome of the game, we still had a great time thanks to the Wilshere's hospitality!



COMING SOON...



By: Julia Smith

Staff Writer

It was December 18 when my mom and I showed up at Barnes and Noble for the first session of gift wrapping for SERVE. SERVE is an emergency center for families in need. At 10 o'clock in the morning we found a desk near the café with some wrapping paper, scissors, and a box to collect donations. Soon people slowly made their way to our little stand and kindly made donations while we wrapped their purchases.

"Even though this wasn't a POD project, I heard that we needed people to work the table, and I knew who to ask. I was so thankful that our POD members are so giving with their time, and could come help out," said Joan Smith. The next Friday Joan and Mary and Pat Leone headed back to Barnes and Noble for a second session of wrapping.

"Pat and I decided to sign up for a few hours of both days as a way to get out of the house and away from our hectic preparation for Christmas. We were pleasantly surprised that the outing was a great time and simply flew by far too quickly. We wrapped a good number of books and Nooks but more importantly we spent some quality time chatting with some of our favorite friends and meeting some new folks," said Leone.

After the second day we tallied up the donations and found that we had collected a total of \$75. And that about wraps up the story!

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## Ladies Nite Out with Santa

By: Joan Smith

Staff Writer

Don't all girls need a night out during the hectic Christmas season? Well, Diane Wilshere, LaRee Pallone and I decided that we did. We attended the *Ladies Night Out with Santa* event, a benefit for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA).

It was the second annual event for them, and although the process wasn't always smooth, the event is still in its young stages, so it's understandable. They did a lot of things right, and I don't think the ladies in attendance noticed many (or any) of the issues.

The tables of ladies were waited on by the "All Male Elf Review". The elves were all CEOs and local business owners who gave their time and were very good sports about it. They wore elf costumes, played games with the ladies at their table, and tried to earn money for the cause. The elf who raised the most money won a prize himself.

As an event organizer, I have to say, it was a very clever idea. Technical issues aside, it was a lot of fun, and all the ladies there really enjoyed themselves. I heard that it did extremely well, and more than doubled the take for their charity over the inaugural event.

I think we all agreed we'd go back again next year. It's a great cause... and a fun night. Come out and join us next time!



# Send us Your Stories!!

Have you attended a Parrothead event sponsored by another club? Have you volunteered for a special event or charity function outside of the Parrothead club? Do you have an idea for an article for the newsletter? Do you JUST have something on your mind?

Let us know what other charities and events are important to you, or what you are thinking. We'd love to include information from guest writers.

Thanks!! Alyssa, Catie and Julia

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## **Upcoming Events:**

### **JANUARY**

- 1/7 Helm Committee Meeting, Manassas
- 1/19 Dough Raiser, Unos Manassas
- 1/27-29 Midwinter Meltdown 10

### **FEBRUARY**

- 2/8 Happy Hour, Vintage 50, Leesburg
- 2/11 Mardi Gras, Okra's Manassas
- 2/16 Dough Raiser at Unos, Manassas
- 2/25 Helm Committee Meeting, Leesburg

### **MARCH**

- 3/11 POD Bowling
- 3/15 Dough Raiser at Unos, Manassas
- 3/24 Road Cleanup, Signal Hill/Route 15
- 3/24 Happy Hour at Clarke's in Manassas

**Watch the club calendar... you never know when new events will be added!**

*Parrotheads of the Old Dominion is a nonprofit charitable organization established to provide support and assistance to the community, to maintain and improve the environment and to provide a variety of social activities for people who share an interest in Jimmy Buffett music. In the process of making new friends and having fun, we believe in leaving something positive behind. Our club is open to anyone with a tropical spirit and the desire to contribute to the betterment of our community.*



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