



# The Cactus Connection

## The Arizona Parrot Head Club Newsletter

**Q1 2021**

Holy cow, kids! We're finally starting to get together again. It was fantastic to see everyone who came to our Happy Hour at Cabin and Whiskey Grill. We're looking to continue outdoor phlockings until we can't stand the heat any more.

Time to seriously look at other events...**Parrot Grande** registration is [open](#). Tell all your friends, especially your Golf buddies who should come play in our [tournament](#) on August 27 even if they don't attend the event. We need/want/love lots of golfers!



**Our Prez: Kathy Pfister!!!**

Also, **Meeting of The Minds**, the annual Parrot Head Convention in Key West is going to be a great time. They've announced a fantastic entertainment lineup that I'm really looking forward to. The official event dates are Nov 3-7. Check it out [here](#).

Thanks to Frank Pastula who ran our **Powerball Pool**. We collected \$130 for FANS Across America and \$260 for St Mary's Food Bank. I didn't win and am slightly bitter about that but I will congratulate the Karps, Chad Lockard and Mette Rasmussen for their wins. Look to your club emails for info on how to play because we're doing it again!

Hope to see many of you at one of our upcoming events - I miss you and your beautiful faces!

*Kathy*

**Our annual dues were due on January 1.**

**It's \$25 per person but you can sign up for two people in one fell swoop at <https://www.parrotheads.org/membership-shop> Just be sure to up your quantity AND...you can request a 2021 badge for your favorite Keet or Peet. We still managed to do quite a bit in 2020 and are really looking forward to doing even more in 2021!!!**

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## Q2 Charity: St. Mary's Food Bank



St. Mary's  
Food Bank®



Food banks across the country are still working overtime to help those in need. We've chosen to make St. Mary's our Q2 charity. Last year, we raised \$5,075 thanks to your generosity and some fantastic matching corporate donations.

### Here's how to contribute:

If your employer matches your donations, please donate directly to St. Mary's at this website: <https://www.firstfoodbank.org/donate-st-marys-food-bank> then report your total and the corporate match to Janet ([janet@parrotheads.org](mailto:janet@parrotheads.org)). Also, email her if you donated directly without a corporate match. Your donation will count as a tax credit.

If your employer doesn't match donations, please donate directly to Arizona Parrot Head Foundation at this link. Please put a note saying it's for St. Mary's. Your donation will count as a tax credit since the Foundation is a 501(c)3. No need to report further.

Once we're done, the Foundation will make a donation to St. Mary's for the total amount raised through them. We'll only record the total for reporting purposes, no individual amounts will be made public. Any amount will help - **\$1 provides 7 meals!**

## Let's make some Memories in Q2!

By the time you read this, we will have had our first Happy Hour in eons!!! Looking forward to many more to come!

If you have an idea of a phun place to party, please let anyone on the board know-we're always looking for places that can take a phun group like us for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon!

We do have another house party at the Bauman Party Palace coming up on **June 11...Jack Mosely** will be entertaining us!!! Keep your eyes peeled for weekly updates from Phred on what's happening with our phlock!!!

**Looking forward to some serious "Partying with a Purpose!!!"**

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ARIZONA PARROT HEAD CLUB

## Parrot Grande Registration is NOW Open!

Come join us!!! **August 27-29, 2021** at the We-Ko-Pa Resort (remodel of resort and casino is complete!).



All of the entertainers booked for 2020 have agreed to come in 2021. That means our lineup will be: our very own **Sam Rainwater, Mark Mulligan, James "Sunny Jim" White, Kelly McGuire, Jerry Gontang, Rudy B and Pirates, Guitars and Beach Front Bars.**

Our charity this year is **Disabled American Veterans** so come on out, have some fun and support a great cause.



To get you excited about the upcoming event, I asked our musicians to answer a couple of questions for me-here's what I have so far:

### SAM RAINWATER



**What inspired you to become a musician?** I was raised Southern Baptist so music was big portion of my early life, Then when I was ~ 13 I started playing guitar because Girls dig it! Then...a family, kids... and then afterwards I found I enjoyed playing very much. So what inspired me to be a musician – girls!! What inspired me to get better, write music and perform – MR Mark Mulligan!!

**Do you have a favorite Buffett song and if so, why do you like it?**

"Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season" – the musical twist about accepting the inevitable.

**Any memory from Parrot Grande past that you'd like to share?** Way tooooooo many memories!!!! Being an AZ Parrot Head before I really started playing music, party has always been an important part of my life. In the earlier years, my fondest memories are of meeting the visiting artists and being able to sit in with them. Later (and now), I enjoy seeing all of my friends – and seeing what Tom Foolery we can get in to 😊 This year will be very special because we CAN party again!!

## More from our Parrot Grande Musicians....

### MARK MULLIGAN



**What inspired you to become a musician?** I was inspired to become a musician out of sheer laziness. It was either this or get a real job. I chose option A.

**Do you have a favorite Buffett song and if so, why do you like it?** My favorite Buffett song is Brahma Fear, off "Living and Dying in 3/4 Time". Nobody ever plays this one and hardly anyone has even heard it. But it reminds me of a simpler Buffet era before Parrotheads even existed, before the band had horn sections or big stage shows.

But other favorites include "Frenchman For The Night", "Chanson Por Les Petits Enfant", and "Twelve Volt Man".

**Any memory from Parrot Grande past that you'd like to share?** Absolutely loved when we set up a piano poolside and Jerry Gontang joined me for an impromptu set of Buffett gems. We had a blast! And tough to beat those early days down at Francisco Grande, drinking way too much beer, making way too much noise, and just hoping the power wouldn't go out on us!

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### JERRY GONTANG



**What inspired you to become a musician?** Music has always been a part of my life thanks to my parents. We had family parties and relatives and friends would sit around with their instruments and sing songs. That was such good feeling that I've made it a lifestyle.

**Do you have a favorite Buffett song and if so, why do you like it?** There are too many Buffett songs to have an actual favorite but the one that got me going was "I Have Found Me A Home." I saw a college concert in 1972 where he played it explaining that wherever he goes he feels at home because of his music and the people who come to see him.

**Any memory from Parrot Grande past that you'd like to share?** Stars On The Water played for the first Parrot Grande at The Franciscan in Casa Grande and because there weren't that many Trop Rock musicians yet I also played poolside. Nothing but Buffett for two hours. Those were the days.



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## And more from our Parrot Grande Musicians....

### JIM JOHNSON (Pirates, Guitars and Beachfront Bars)



**What inspired you to become musicians?** Each of us have said these same things. Love for music and a feeling of I could do that too. Maybe even better. Also, We all grew up in the 70s when music was at the pinnacle of talent and technology. Everyday, a new sound or new instrument was used to expand the pop collective. Everyday, a new musician came along that expanded on the talents of the ones before. It was a musically magical time.....also, girls!

**Do you have a favorite Buffett song and if so, why do you like it?** We all love Party At The End Of The World, Barometer Soup and Bama Breeze. The first one to catch my personal attention was Why Don't We Get Drunk....

**Any memory from Parrot Grande past that you'd like to share?** never been to Grande before. Looking forward to it!

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### Kelly McQuire



#### Here's a little note from Kelly....

I was playing music full time when I discovered Jimmy Buffett and thought... wow..!

How cool to sail around islands and write songs! I never dreamed that 20 years later I would be living on a sailboat and writing songs!

I am so grateful to be at Parrot Grande once again!

Make sure to book your room now for **Parrot Grande** and start thinking about your costume for Saturday dinner...which Castaway will you be???

Don't forget about the golf tournament, too - you can join the tournament without attending Parrot Grande...but, why would you want to???

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**Trips around the sun (some already celebrated) in Q2 2021:  
Happy Birthday Everyone!!!**

## APRIL

Suzanne Ortgiesen	1st
Tammy Bauman	2nd
Frank Pastula	18th
Rick Metivier	20th
Jon Edwards	27th
Mike McMahon	29th

## MAY

Kathy Pfister	3rd
Chris Roth	9th
Roger Shive	11th
Scott Holt	14th
Rosanne Raichl	19th
Steven Schroder	25th
Coral Sheehan	25th
Sonja Schroder	28th
Michael Foster	31st

## JUNE

Ted Sadlowski	2nd
Larry Karp	5th
Elizabeth Rainwater	11th
Charlie Sykes	12th
Mary Harrigan	13th
Ron Anton	19th
Michael Bauman	24th



**Happy  
Birthday,  
Everyone!!!**

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## Arizona Parrot Head Club Profit & Loss March 2021

	Mar 21	Jan - Mar 21
<b>Income</b>		
Club Income/Contributions		
50/50 Raffles		
Fans Across America	-75.00	0.00
Total 50/50 Raffles	-75.00	0.00
Events Income		
Parrot Grande		
Reservations	1,955.84	1,955.84
Parrot Grande - Other	0.00	1,196.47
Total Parrot Grande	1,955.84	3,152.31
Powerball Pool	720.00	750.00
Total Events Income	2,675.84	3,902.31
Mini-Mart	0.00	20.00
Total Club Income/Contributions	2,600.84	3,922.31
Membership Dues	466.10	1,668.21
Total Income	3,066.94	5,590.52
<b>Expense</b>		
Club Operating Expenses		
PHIP Dues	0.00	144.00
Postage, Printing & Copying	0.00	55.00
Storage Unit	-509.70	-509.70
Website	306.41	332.47
Total Club Operating Expenses	-203.29	21.77
Events		
Power Ball Raffle	490.00	490.00
Total Events	490.00	490.00
Total Expense	286.71	511.77
Net Income	2,780.23	5,078.75

## Financials

As of  
March 31, 2021

Check out our new  
reporting for the  
Arizona  
Parrot Head  
Foundation  
below...

## Arizona Parrot Head Club Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2021

	Mar 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BMO Harris Checking	546.16
PayPal	2,743.36
Wells Fargo AZPHC Account	4,022.56
Total Checking/Savings	7,312.08
Total Current Assets	7,312.08
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,312.08</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Assets	-4,870.67
Opening Balance Equity	7,104.00
Net Income	5,078.75
Total Equity	7,312.08
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>7,312.08</b>

## Arizona Parrot Head Foundation Profit & Loss January 1 through April 4, 2021

	Jan 1 - Apr 4, 21
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	1,105.41
Total Income	1,105.41
<b>Expense</b>	
Business Expenses	
business and computer	303.38
Business Expenses - Other	-283.38
Total Business Expenses	20.00
Fans Across America	595.00
Total Expense	615.00
Net Income	490.41



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## Your 2021 Board of Directors

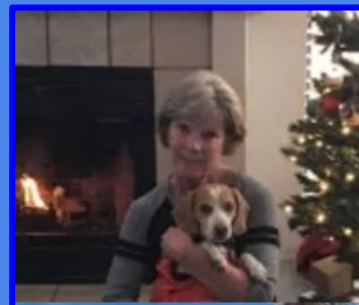
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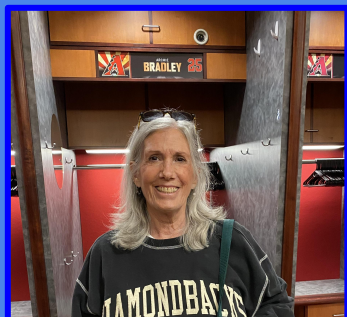
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**Make sure to check out the weekly email updates from the Prez for anything PHUN going on with our Phlock! Stay safe all!!!**