
Panama City PHC Takes Home Coveted 2008 Golden Coconut !!



For one solid year, Panama City will have bragging rights that they have been recognized as Margaritaville's/Parrot Heads In Paradise Top Club for 2008.

Some highlights of their winning essay include:

In their 5 short years as a chartered Parrot Head Club they have raised over \$36,000.00 and contributed almost 900 man hrs. per year.

They pay particular attention to their own fragile environment & participate in the local "Coastal Clean-up". They also participate in the Adopt a Highway program clean up 2 miles of major highway in the area.

Opportunities to aid the Elderly include fund raising for the *COUNCIL ON AGING*, Meals on Wheels as well as helping a Respite Center for Alzheimer's clients.

Focusing on the children of the community, they man the phones during a telethon for "At Risk Kids" in their community and they also purchased furniture for a local Children's home.

Through many special programs, brain injury adults, the American Red Cross, support to troops in Iraq, and even a local Free Medical Clinic have all benefitted from the

generosity of the Panama City PHC.

The club began a "Scholarship Fund" 3 years ago. They ask teachers to nominate students that show interest in environmental and/or community service. The scholarship paid \$500 the first year. If the winning student chooses to continue their education, another \$500 is awarded the following year.

But it's not all work, work, work. Their members love to show off their best parrot head outfits and show the locals how they Party with a Purpose.

Two years an old mobile home was donated to the club. The members promptly stripped it transformed the shell into the most wonderful "MARDI GRAS" PHloat. They participate in two local parades including a children's parade where some of the children are chosen from their charities become participants with the club members.

Their Annual event is the Parrot Head Rendezvous to be held April 17—19th, 2009. The charity they have selected to benefit from this event is The Children's Home Society, CHS of Northwest, Florida.

The entertainment line up for 2009 is exceptional and they host a separate website:
www.parrotheadrendezvous.org.

This would be your opportunity to visit the 2008 Golden Coconut winners and observe how they "Party With A Purpose".

They meet on the 3rd Friday, of each month usually on the back deck of Buccaneer Lounge at the Days Inn on Beach Drive, Panama City, Florida.

They host more informal "PHlockings" on the 1st Friday of every month. Check out their newsletter and calendars for more information.

Their club hosts a website located at <http://www.panamacityphc.org>.

The winning essay can be read in it's entirety at:
www.phip.com/GoCo.asp?id=2008

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We know that Panama City Parrot Head Club will take advantage of boasting their status as being the Golden Coconuts for the entire year.

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate the Panama City PHC. We wish them much success in future efforts to make things so much better in the community they live, play & work in.

There is a little extra shine in the panhandle of the Sunshine State of Florida this year because Panama City Parrot Head members have shown they have a heart of gold!!