**Lovely Lady (President) / Dorothy Bedlin:**

Hellooooooooooooooooooo  Tampa Bay Parrot Heads!

What time is it???

It’s Election time!

I have served as your President for the past 2 years and I have had a blast doing it! As a club, we’ve grown together and have made changes along the way. However, the most important thing that we have accomplished together is the continuity of living our motto, “Let’s leave the world a little better than we found it…and have a blast doing it”! Through YOU and your generous hearts, we have raised money for our environmental charities and have championed drives for the troops and children. Our membership has grown and we continue to recruit and add people that “party with a purpose”!

I’m not good a tooting my own horn, but I can tell you that I have the heart of the club, remain passionate about the way the club is heading and am the woman behind the curtain. We’ve had ups and downs over the past few years, but we work through them together. I am very involved in all of the club activities and attend all events. This allows our members to have constant access to me and have the ability to voice any concerns that they have. I am a good listener and will always get you an answer or resolution.

Although we have had changes in the past few years, the important things remain the same..

        Jimmy Buffet is played at our meetings and events

        Cleaaaaannnnnnnnnnnnnn the beaches

        Savvvvveeeeee the Manatees

        Volunteeeeeeeeeeeerrrrrrrrrrrrrr when called upon

        Club involvement in environmental charities

I have been a member of Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club in Paradise, Inc. since 2000. For those that don’t know a lot about my past, I’d like to share it with you. I began as part of the Welcome Court, caught the eye of the Fruitcake Board and was asked to join the Board as Chief Officer of Bounty (working under and with the Purser), Chief Officer of Parties and Events, Chief Officer of Operations (supervising Membership, Fins to da Left store and Raffle), 1st Mate and Lovely Lady. As you can see, I have been involved and continue to want to stay active.

Although I’m not a “vintage parrot head”, I’ve been around a long time. I feel that I will benefit TBPH as your President for the next 2 years and appreciate your vote!

 **First Mate (Vice President) / Joyce Cavaliere:**

 As far as my professional background goes, I have been a Registered Nurse in Tampa for 28 years, and in the role as Relief Charge Nurse.  In school, I served as Vice President of my class, and on different committees.  I am honest and dependable.  I am detail oriented and organized, somewhat of a perfectionist.

I am a key member of the Tampa Bay Parrot head Club, which I joined in October 1997.  During that time I have volunteered when called upon, whether it be picking up garbage to keep our beaches clean (at times at Team Captain), pouring beer or cleaning up during Wazoo and Zoofari at Lowry Park Zoo, decorating and cleaning up for our Birthday and Christmas parties, and helping out at Jimmy Buffett concerts.  I have worked at the Membership table for our club.  Throughout the years, I have been involved with club events, signing members up and helping out at the various events.  For years, I sold raffle tickets, then I was in charge of our raffle.  I have worked the Registration table and sold raffle tickets at Music On The Bay.  I am currently serving as Member at Large.

I believe I would be the best candidate for the First Mate of the Tampa Bay Parrot heads since I have been a member in the club for going on 17 years, and also based on my involvement in so many aspects and roles in the club.  I have made old friends, and continue to make new ones.  I love that we are able to support the many charities along the way, and have a blast doing it!  I have and will continue to dedicate my time and effort in to making our club to be the very best!

Thank you!

**Purser (Treasurer) / Jennifer O’Connor**

Greetings to my Tampa Bay Parrot Head Friends and Family.

First and foremost, please allow me to express my gratitude to such a wonderful group of people and to share with you my excitement regarding my decision to run for office of the greatest club in the world.

My name is Jennifer O’Connor and I have been a member of the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club for more than 11 years.  A few years ago, I served as Yeoman on the TBPH Board, under Captain Harry, and enjoyed every minute of it.  Now, I’m ready to serve again and give back to the club who has given so graciously to me over the years with family, friendship, and caring.

When I made the decision to run for the Board this time, I decided I could really and truly provide the most value to this club serving as their Treasurer/Purser.  I currently hold an under graduate degree in Accounting and a Master’s Degree in Finance.  I have been professionally active in the accounting/finance field for almost 30 years, and currently hold the position of Finance Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers, where I have worked since arriving in Tampa over 14 years ago.

I am professionally responsible, trustworthy, and capable of serving this club as Treasurer.  I have held the office of Treasurer over the years with other organizations, including homeowners associations, school PTA’s, and sports clubs.  I know what is required of this office and am fully willing and prepared to fulfill the duties and responsibilities.

If elected, I will fulfill the duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability and, as well, will collaborate with the rest of the Board to ensure all decisions are made with the best interests of the club in mind.  I look forward to this election and hope you will find me a desirable candidate and vote for me in the upcoming election.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your attention this evening.  Bless all of you and please drive home safely.

**Yeoman (Secretary) / Dick Dobkins**

Because the office of Secretary needs to be more disciplined than adventurous, more detailed than gross, more meticulous than broad, more sensitive than pensive, more caring than bold, more focused than overseeing and more sincere than questioning, women, through social custom and practice, have been more likely to hold the position. Nevertheless the times are changing, and as women are taking up traditional male leadership roles, they are no longer automatically presumed to be the better option for the job of an efficient Secretary.

In placing my name, reputation, and masculinity, in candidacy for the Secretary of the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club, I bring to the table years of experience, which involve extensive record keeping and communications. In the world of non-flowered shirts, I successfully attained an MBA in Finance and served as President of a Commercial Bank, before starting my own Company, which I managed for 17 years.

My wife Laura and I have been Parrot Heads since 2007, and we are proud to be members of Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor, and Key West Clubs, as well as Tampa. I have served in the past as a Parrot Head board member for several years, including Vice President of the Sarasota Bay Parrot Head Club. I have attended many leadership events and enjoy valuable Parrot Head fellowship with members throughout Florida.  I have coordinated Parrot Head fund raising, humanitarian, and social events of all kinds.

I have played an active role in the Music on the Bay Steering Committee since its inception. I remain in charge of the event’s logistics (set up) as well as its Mini Mart.

I understand the need of strong leadership in a Social/Civic organization such as ours, but I also place great importance on membership involvement. “He who thinks he leads, but has no followers, is only taking a walk” .A Board, especially a Board with a small number of fiduciary officers like TBPHC, needs the support of the entire membership to insure the party continues, and to accomplish our goal of making this world a little better place than we found it.

Besides providing service to the Board in the way of accurate recordkeeping, I pledge if elected, to serve the entire membership by providing accountability through Club communications and all contractual matters of the organization. My past experience and my desire to always do the very best job possible, make me uniquely qualified to be your Secretary, and I will appreciate your support.

“Shells sink, dreams float. Life's good on our boat. ” ? Jimmy Buffett