

CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

President/Captain: Dorothy Bedlin "Lovely Lady"



Hellooooooooooooo! Tampa Bay Parrot Heads!

What time is it???

It's Election time!

I've been at the helm for 5 years & during that time Tampa Bay Parrot Heads has become the PARTY! The club is well respected and is looked at as an example for other clubs!

We continue to live 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, Music on the Bay and have championed drives for the troops, flip flops and children. Our membership has grown and we continue to recruit and add people that "party with a purpose"!

I have the heart of the club, remain enthusiastic about the way the club is heading and am the "woman behind the curtain". I am very involved in all of the club activities and attend most 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.

We still...

- Jimmy Buffet is played at our meetings and events
- Cleaaaaannnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn the beaches
- Savvvveeeeeee the Manatees
- Volunteeeeeeeeeerrrrrrrrrrrr when called upon
- Club involvement in environmental charities

I have been a member of Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club in Paradise, Inc. since 2000. Although I'm not a "vintage parrot head", I've been around a long time. I'd like to continue to grow and enhance Tampa Bay Parrot Heads and ask for your vote!

Vice President/First Mate: Jorge Diaz



So what qualities do I possess that would benefit the TBPH in a positive way! Well I can say that I party well with others! I get along nicely with lots of people. I love to laugh, play, dance, sing, wisecrack, and in general live it up. I love to do these things as much as I can, without hurting or offending anyone. I have been told that I am very affable, approachable, and very easy to talk to. I love the music of JB, Kenny, Zac, Marley, as well as reggae, soca, calypso, country, Latin, EDM, – you name it I can dance to it! But I especially love the Trop Rock genre that is coming into its own right before our eyes! I also have a passion for volunteering for a good cause. It's rewarding to one's own self, and it's fun! All qualities of a good parrothead!

As for my past life, I was very fortunate to have worked at a great major airline for 29 years, retire from it. And then I hooked onto another gig that I really enjoy for the past 10 years, while doing the same work as I did before!. I love to be around airplanes, and have been very lucky to get paid to be around them since I was a kid. A lot of people can't stand getting up in the morning and going to work, but I can't wait for it!

I have also been blessed with having worked with a lot of great people in different organizations here in Tampa and abroad. I was honored to be the President of the Cuban Club in Ybor City, where our team led the Cuban Club and it's Krewe of Mambi to new heights. We were able to take the nearly defunct club, instill a lot of fun, and charitable work, and attract new members by the hundreds. Ileana and I joined the club as the 30th and 31st members, and we helped it grow to over 250 fun loving, giving, and great, family members.

We were able to turn the Cuban Club building around, and bring it back from the near death of being condemned. We turned the venue into a business, brought in weddings, corporate events, shows, and of course EPIC krewe parties. Soon the funds started to come in so that we could repair the aging building. Anyone who attended one of the old Krewe Krash Parties, or WMNF's Tropical Heatwave, remembers the incredible times we had. They too were "parties with a purpose!" We met a LOT of people and were very blessed and honored to be invited to many Tampa Bay social events. Yes it was a lot of work, but it was FUN, rewarding to our spirit as volunteers, and it was THE RIGHT THING TO DO. Imagine how Ybor would be today without the historic Cuban Club?

One day, during one of the parades, a great friend, Bad Cheryl the Slut, came to us and said, "you guys gotta come and join the Parrotheads, you'll love it!" We didn't join at that time do to LIFE events, but it stayed stuck in my mind. Years later our lives got back to a semblance of "normal" and I remembered what Bad Cheryl said, so we stumbled over to Whiskey Joes a few years ago and met the greatest people in the world! We instantly fell in love with the Phamily and were happy to volunteer when called upon - or not! Bad Cheryl was right – we loved it!

So for "credentials" I feel that I have a varied past full of experiences that will help me to cope and deal with many situations, and an outlook on life that will bring out the positive side of every issue. I like music of many different genres, but most of all I LOVE TROP ROCK! I have been told I have a good ear, and am passionate about good music and talent. I don't just love live music, I LIVE MUSIC!

The best part of my "credentials" is the fact that I have the best BOSS on the planet! Anyone who's met my wife Ileana has felt the aura of her fun, crazy, and caring persona. She is the hardest working, most caring person I know, and I am lucky enough to have her "adjusting my sails" and keeping me on an even keel. She is my driving force that makes me strive to do the right thing, every day, in everything I do!

if you so choose me to be the next First Mate, I promise to be a good Parrothead, and do MY BEST to help the club achieve new level of EPIC! The new tag line for the TBPHC will be – WE ARE THE PARTY!

SHOTOVODKA!!!

Treasurer/Purser: 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 another term of office for the greatest club in the world.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jennifer O'Connor and I have been a member of the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club for more than 15 years. Many years ago, I served as Yeoman on the TBPH Board, under Captain Harry, and enjoyed every minute of it. I have also served as your Treasurer for the past four years, and am 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.

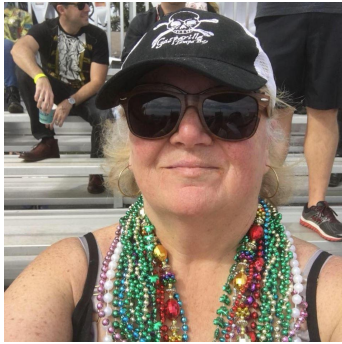
I currently hold an under graduate degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Finance. I have been professionally active in the accounting/finance field for over 30 years, and was a Finance Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers right here in Tampa for 17 years. I have also been the Registration Chair and Treasurer for Music on the Bay for three years.

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.

Secretary /Yeoman: Susan Bond



First let me say that I LOVE being a Tampa Bay Parrothead! I love the music and the lifestyle but, I am so grateful for the life and life-long friends that I have found, that I am happy to do any service for the club that I can. That being said, having served as Yeoman for the past two years has given me even more appreciation for the PURPOSE of this club. I am committed to helping make the Tampa Bay Club the best club, not just in PHIP, but the best experience for any one from the Tampa Bay area that is interested in becoming a member.

In my career as a Registered Nurse, one of my main skills is to organize my care according to priorities, while keeping the "big picture" in mind. I believe these skills translate well to the job of Yeoman. It is also a career that lends itself to service, and that is my main focus in performing the duties of this office. It is all about serving "The Club", and if I am elected that is exactly what I plan to do. I am excited about the future of this Club, and sincerely am glad to a member.

Thank you and FINS UP!