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Lakes Area Parrot Heads receive national award

The Lakes Area Parrot Heads club (LAPH), based in Detroit Lakes, Minn., has earned the 2011 Golden Coconut Award of Excellence from Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville and Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. (PHiP). This national honor was awarded to the LAPH November 5 at PHiP's 20th annual national convention in Key West, Fla.

The Golden Coconut recognizes Parrot Head clubs for outstanding charitable and environmental efforts, with the winning chapter designated as the flagship chapter of the PHiP organization for the following year. Honorees are selected based on an essay summarizing club activities on behalf of its service area, with entries blind-judged by previous award winners. There are more than 225 Parrot Head chapters with 28,000 members in 45 states, Canada and Australia.

"This isn't just our award; this belongs to everybody in our communities," says Jim Brogren, club president. "We couldn't have brought this award home without our members' hard work, community support, and generous donations from our partner, Zorbaz on the Lake, and our other sponsors, including The Bridge, Holiday Inn, J & K Marine, and many others."

LAPH activities highlighted in the essay include:

- Annual Boats and Bars fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
- Annual fundraiser and dance held during Polar Fest in Detroit Lakes
- Food bank contributions in Detroit Lakes and Fargo
- Christmas visits to nursing home residents and hospital patients
- Giving Tree contributions to the Mahube Community Council

The essay is available at the Lakes Area Parrot Heads website, www.lakesareaparrotheads.com

Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc.

PHiP is a not-for-profit corporation, whose purpose is to assist in community and environmental concerns and provide a variety of social activities for people who are interested in the music of Jimmy Buffett and the tropical lifestyle he personifies. PHiP has more than 225 member chapters and 28,000 members in 45 states, Canada and Australia.

- www.phip.org

Lakes Area Parrot Heads, Inc.

LAPH is a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Minnesota, drawing membership from Detroit Lakes, Fargo, Moorhead and several other communities throughout Minnesota, as well as several other states and Manitoba, Canada. General meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. at Zorbaz in Detroit Lakes.

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