



Wastin' Away on Grand Traverse Bay

Traverse City, Michigan, July 27, 2010 "This years beach bash was an enormous success," says Gwyn Besner, President of the Traverse City Parrot Head Club. "The donors were most generous in the items they contributed to our silent auction."

Event co-ordinator, Tom Sawasky said, "This is the third year we have held this event and it keeps getting better and better. The crowd had a great time enjoying the live music of The Keelhaulers from Petoskey and or own Tim Krause from

Manistee."

Hundreds of people phlocked to the beach (Parrot Heads tend to substitute "ph's" for "f's") to Party with a Purpose. This year Janis Skipski, vice president of the Charitable Foundation and ticket chairman, introduced a parrot head version of Win it in a Minute. It was a great hit.

On Tuesday, July 20th, the Traverse City Parrot Head Charitable Foundation was able to present checks for \$5,000 each to Goodwill Inn and Habitat for Humanity. Lori Buchan, the treasurer, remarked "We have doubled the amount each year. In today's economic times, that is incredible!"

While the Traverse City Parrot Head club is quite small with less than thirty members, they are part of a much larger organization. Parrot Head Clubs are chartered under PHIP, Inc. Parrot Heads in Paradise. They are a social club with a charitable focus. In 2009 over \$2.8 million and 180,000 volunteer work hours were contributed. That represents an eight year total of \$19.2 million and 2,400,800 volunteer work hours. The motto of the almost 20,000 members is "Party with a Purpose."



L to R receiving the check for Goodwill, Ruth Blick, Cecil McNally (Executive Director) and Elizabeth Post (Goodwill Inn Manager) Presenting, Lori Buchan, Janis Skipski, Kelly Maruskin, (Director of Sales Holiday Inn), Tom Sawasky, Matt Prader, (Cox Distributing).

Receiving the check on behalf of
Habitat for Humanity L to R:

Carrie Ullery-Smith, Lauren
Conrad and Nancy Kiogima.

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