

# The Calypso Telegraph

March 2018

## Quarterly Charity Fundraising

The month of March continues to be dedicated to supporting MARF and all of the good they are doing for the homeless animals of Madison.

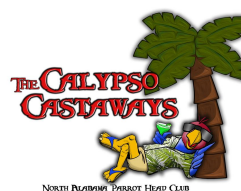
If you have not already, please consider bringing a donated item to the monthly meeting. If you have already donated and would like to bring additional items, please do!

MARF is in need of cat and dog food, cat litter, leashes, and collars.

Let's do what we can to help a homeless pet find his or her 'fur-ever' home!



If you  
Rosie



## Mission Completed!

...ing February 15<sup>th</sup> at  
big unveiling of the  
**Calypso Castaways Chariot Wheel!** What  
an amazing thing it was to see the fruits of  
our shared fundraising labors!

Mitch from Ainsley's Angels was also on hand and expressed his appreciation for our hard work and effort.

Even more exciting - our Calypso Castaways Chariot will have its maiden voyage on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Huntsville

## ROLLING IN THE ROCKET CITY 5K and FUN RUN!

Currently, Karie Helms, Amber Carey, and Andy Carey have volunteered to be a part of this momentous event – and of course, the race would not be complete without our rider and fearless leader, Greg Thompson, who started us on our journey for Ainsley's Angels in the first place!

Please consider marking your calendar and either running the event with them or cheering them on from the sidelines!







The Calypso Castaways simply offer tribute to Jimmy Buffett and holds no relationship to Margaritaville or Jimmy Buffett.



## SECOND QUARTER FUND RAISING

For our 'Active Parroting' outreach we will continue to focus on a local charity each quarter. By popular vote the charity chosen for the quarter April through June will be:

### Huntsville Got Your Six

Got Your Six in 'military' terms means: 'I've got your back'. As a part of our community, Huntsville Got Your Six (GY6) works with the VA and local veterans who are suffering the effects of PTSD. Through volunteering of their time and expertise, GY6 trainers pair a local shelter dog with a veteran in need. They then dedicate one-on-one training to help the veteran and dog create a bond that will not only last a lifetime, it actually gives them back their life! Training from onset to certification takes approximately 18 months and all training is *totally free* for the veteran.

Founder and President Laurel Rose, CPDT-KA has a deep respect for our military as well as a personal connection; her daughter SFC Audra Rose currently serves as a military police officer. Seeing the need and understanding the cost (a fully trained service dog is approximately \$25,000 - out of reach of most veterans), Laurel decided to help. She formed GY6 (a 501c3 charity) and the response was amazing! Currently, they plan to have 6 teams in training for the 2018-2019 session.

As we begin our second quarter of 'Active Parroting' take a moment to remember those who continue the fight for our freedom, and please give generously to help our veterans in need. Watch for details on how you can help coming in April!

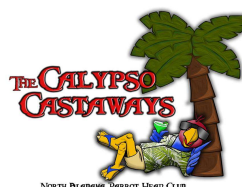
### WE MISS YOU!

Are you a missing member of the Calypso Castaways?

*We want you to come back!*  
Please mark your calendar and attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month meetings at Rosie's!  
Feeling shy? Bring a friend!

It's a great way to be involved with helping your local community while simultaneously drinking Margarita's!

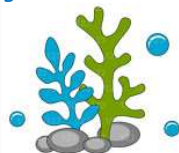
*Ask yourself...where else can I find such a combination of goodness on an otherwise ordinary Thursday?*



### Parrothead Humor

Why did the algae and the fungus get married?

They took a lichen to each other!  
*Although, unfortunately, their marriage is now on the rocks.*



### T-SHIRTS!

Here is your chance to show off your

### FIND UP SPIRIT!

Calypso Castaways are selling t-shirts! That way to show off pride at events and membership! They will be sold for 20 each cost of printing materials! *More shirts coming soon!*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Danny Raduso Performs at Tim's Cajun Kitchen 6-9 pm. Come join the fun!
- March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. Monthly Calypso Castaways Meeting at Rosie's on University. 5-6 Happy Hour. 6-7 Dinner and Meeting - We hope to see you there!
- June 16<sup>th</sup> SUMMER HOUSE PARTY! at the Winkles.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Rolling in the Rocket City 5K Inaugural Calypso Angel Chair Event!