



Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook
Seventy-seventh Entry:

April 15, 2015

As your Captain, I officially declare that we are sympathizers, and therefore shall form an allegiance with the Conch Republic. Perhaps we will be called Chicago Conchs. Maybe Windy City Conchs. Or just Chi-Conchs. Either way, let us raise a glass to the 33rd anniversary of the secession of the Conch Republic from the United States of America on April 23rd! For those of you who are unaware of the story, I shall recap it below this entry, but remember...you cannot keep a good conch down. Unless it is delicious. Maybe that came out wrong. Either way..., we shall proudly fly the flag whereby "We seceded where others failed!"

Bloody Bill
The Pirate King



Billy Brehm

The Conch Republic was established by secession of the Florida Keys from the United States of America, on April 23rd, 1982 in response to a United States Border Patrol Blockade setup on highway U.S.1 at Florida City just to the north of the Florida Keys. This effectively isolated Keys Citizens from the U.S. mainland since the blockade was on our only land artery to and from the mainland. This roadblock portrayed Keys residents as non-U.S. citizens who had to prove their citizenship in order to drive onto the Florida mainland!

Key West Mayor Dennis Wardlow along with a few other 'key' Conchs, went to Federal court in Miami to seek an injunction to stop the federal blockade, but to no avail. Upon leaving the Federal Court House, on the court house steps, Mayor Wardlow announced to the world, by way of the assembled TV crews and reporters, that ; "Tomorrow at noon the Florida Keys will secede from the Union!"

At noon, on the day of secession, at Mallory Square in Key West Florida, Mayor Wardlow read the proclamation of secession and proclaimed aloud that the Conch Republic was an independent nation separate from the U.S. and then symbolically began the Conch Republic's Civil Rebellion by breaking a loaf of stale Cuban bread over the head of a man dressed in a U.S. Navy uniform. After one minute of rebellion, the now, Prime Minister Wardlow turned to the Admiral in charge of the Navy Base at Key West, and surrendered to the Union Forces, and demanded 1 Billion dollars in foreign aid and War Relief to rebuild our nation after the long Federal siege!

By act of Congress we hold dual citizenship as Conchs and as Americans and will fight for the right to be both! Contrary to recent reports, the name "Conch Republic" refers to "all" of the Florida Keys, or, that geographic apportionment of land that falls within the legally defined boundaries of Monroe County Florida, northward to "Skeeter's Last Chance Saloon" in Florida City, Dade County Florida, with Key West as the Nation's Capitol and all territories north of Key West being referred to as "The Northern Territories". Be it known that these boundaries were established by the U.S. Government when they set up "THE" Border Patrol blockade in front of "Skeeter's Last Chance Saloon", in April of 1982, thereby establishing a new United States border!



CPHC 2014 Golden Coconut Award Winners



Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

Only a couple days until Party in ParrotDise, followed by another summer of great entertainment! Here's what to look forward to over the next few months!

Party in ParrotDise – Cruisin' to ParrotDise Island, April 17 - 19 – Proceeds benefit The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter and Gateway to Cancer Research. I'm assuming everyone already has your tickets, but if not they can be purchased for \$45 at the door. Price includes a buffet dinner.

Hemingway's Grand Re-opening for Steve Party, May 16 –As you all may or may not know, we lost a great friend last year in Steve Slawkin. He provided us with Hemingway's in Lake Geneva, and started and fronted the band South of Disorder, and also provided all those great pre-Alpine valley concert parties and busses. So the best way to keep his memory alive is of course with re-opening Hemingway's, Lake Geneva, in cooperation with the Chicago Parrothead Club, and have a party, on his birthday, May 16th, featuring some great specials, and of course....lots of live music! This will include: South of Disorder, Mr. Myers Band, Frank Whiting, Pirates Over 40, Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum, and more.

Kane County Cougars, Jimmy Buffett Night, June 20 – Mr. Myers will again be playing at the Cougars' annual Jimmy Buffett night. Gates open at 3:30 and the band will perform from 4-5:30 in the Music Garden before the Cougars play the Peoria Chiefs at 6:30 p.m. Then stick around for fireworks after the game set to the music of Jimmy Buffett! Tickets are \$13 and parking is \$8 for preferred parking or \$4 for general parking. Barb Siegman has offered to coordinate group tickets for us again this year (Thanks Barb!) Please email Barb at siegman823@att.net if you are interested in attending. Oh...and please do your NO RAIN dance. J

Jimmy Buffett Concert and Tailgreet Party featuring Sunny Jim, June 27 – We'll be hosting a Tailgreet party at Bremen Grove forest preserve before the concert at First Midwest Bank Ampitheatre. There will be a \$15 entrance fee to cover food, permits, our own potties, and a live performance by 'Sunny Jim' James White all the way up from Florida! You can bring your own drinks, stay as long as you like, and expect games and plenty of food! This location is literally 4.6 miles from the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater. Anyone not attending the concert is welcome to attend TAILGREAT!

Brittany Kingery "House Concert", July 2, HB Jones - Come on out to start the 4th of July holiday early with a "house concert" featuring the music of Brittany Kingery, along with Rob Hill, and maybe the Djembabe! They will be passing through for a one night only show at HB Jones in the atrium! No cover charge, but please "tip" like a house concert! Brittany lives in Mexico and has an incredible voice with the tropical feel we all enjoy!!! More info to come!

Sam Rainwater House Concert, July 25 – Sam Rainwater, a club member of the Arizona Parrot Head Club is a rocket scientist by day and a Trop Rock musician by night. What makes Sam unique is that he donates all of his door money, CD and swag sales to charities. Since he's a Vietnam Vet, most of his US raised money goes to organizations that support veterans. His business partners also match the money. Location and details are TBD, but please mark your calendars! For more info on Sam and a preview of his music, visit <http://samrainwater.com/music.htm>.

Cruise Events (cont.)

Beach Blanket Retro Luau Pig Roast with Charlie Imes, August 8 – It was so much fun last year, Karen and Mark Evinger have offered to host again this year! Featuring Californian Charlie Imes, a pig roast, and then when the sun goes down, a classic beach blanket outdoor movie! \$20 covers the cost of entertainment and pig roast, and as always, plan to bring your drink of choice and a side or dessert to pass. Don't forget a chair or blanket to sit on! Please RSVP with Karen or another member of the Crew no later than July 25th.

Windjammer Cruise with Mike Miller – August 9-15 – Hosted by Tami Casey - Come sail away on the S/V Mandalay! The prices actually went down about \$300/pp from the originally quoted price!! Sail the St. Vincent Grenadine Islands with entertainment by the “Hollow Man” himself, Mike Miller. Book through Sail Windjammer Reservations Dept. Be sure to mention the Chicago Parrot Head Club Event (888) 972-7245 EXT. 101. Call Neelie at Cary Travel Express at 847-639-3300 regarding the flight to Grenada and pre/post cruise hotels. The hotels are Allamanda Beach Resort, Radisson Grenada Beach Resort or Coyaba Beach Resort.

Mark your calendar for some road trips for music and partying with a purpose...

April 25 – One Particular Harbor, Dubuque, IA – Sponsored by the Dubuque Phlockers. Features A Pirate Over 50, Steve Cavanaugh with Randy Dressler, and Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. Proceeds benefit the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA Victim Services Shelter. Visit <http://www.dbqphlockers.org/activities/2015/oph.aspx> for more information.

July 9-12 – Laid Back Attack, Olympia, WA – Sponsored by the Parrot Heads of Puget Sound. Features too many artists to list, but listen to BeachFront Radio and you might hear our own Dee Tropp in the promo spots. Proceeds benefit the USO. Visit <http://laidbackattack.com/> for more information.

Upcoming local island music favorites ...

April 17 – Todd Donnelly, Pier 290, Williams Bay, WI, 9p-1a

April 24 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5:30-11:30p

April 25 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 4:30-11:30p

April 25 – Pirates Over 40, Holiday Inn Elgin, Elgin Cosmopolitan Club Fundraiser, 6-10p,
call 847-741-6201 for tickets and information

May 1 – Todd Donnelly, Cabana Charley's, Sycamore, 6-8:30p

May 16 – Tropixpllosion, Sandwich Opera House, 8-10p

May 17 – Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band, Taste of Glen Ellyn, 5p

May 22 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5:30-11:30p

May 24 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 4:30-9p

May 24 – Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band, MB Financial Park, Rosemont, 7p

May 28 – Pirates Over 40, Gilberts Community Days, 8:30-10p

May 29 – Mr. Myers (duo), Pier 290, Williams Bay, WI, 9p-1a

May 31 – Tropixpllosion, Villa Park Public Library, 1:30-2:30p

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Are we ready for the sun and fun of summer???
I know I sure am, this winter got old real quick.
I'm itching to work and play outside. Hope to see
you all at PIP this weekend so we can kick off the fun
for the rest of the year.



Let's give a big welcome to the New Members:

Charles Eidson
Sue Merkendofer
Amy Excell

Jeanette Hagen
Eric Bailey
Eileen Ramey

Thanks for joining the best club around. We all know how to have a good time.

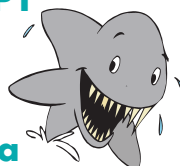


A very Happy Birthday to:

Mike Wallin April 16
Jeanette Hagen April 16
Chris Bert April 20
Bernard Fliss April 20
Bill Tropp April 22
(Show me) Sharon Klupar April 24
Mike Lagioia April 26
Bob McAllister April 30

Ron Horne May 1
Alina Stevens May 6
Al Camp May 7
Karen Levang-Evinger May 13
Kevin Eltoft May 16
Mark Evinger May 18

Enjoy your Special day and do what makes you HAPPY



Vicki Kerr
Membership Diva



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2015 PARTY IN PARROTDISE

JOIN THE CHICAGO PARROTHEAD CLUB



"CRUISIN' TO PARROTDISE ISLAND" APRIL 17-19, 2015

Friday April 17th

Saturday April 18th

Sunday April 19th

SAIL AWAY

**FLIP FLOPS
TIKI BAR AND GRILL**
CAROL STREAM, IL

Featuring the music of
FLIP FLOP DAVE
8 - 11 PM



Food and Drink Specials

**PORT OF CALL
PARROTDISE ISLAND
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 76**
CAROL STREAM, IL
5:30pm till midnight

From St. Louis
"The Jumbo Shrimp
Band"
6 - 8 pm



PORT OF CALL
Sunday Moaning
Brunch

**ALBERTO'S
HOLIDAY INN**
CAROL STREAM, IL

Featuring the music of
FRANK WHITING
10 AM - NOON



50-50

Basket Raffles



Chicago's own
"Mr Myers"
8:30 - 11:30 pm

**Dinner Buffet
Included**

Silent Auction

Pirates Welcome

*Book your cabin on the SS Holiday Inn Carol Stream
Free Breakfast Brunch
Free dinghy to the events (or 'Hotel Shuttle' for you landlubbers)
Saturday Afternoon 'Lounging at the Lagoon' pool party*

All Proceeds to Benefit:
**The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Illinois Chapter
and
Gateway to Cancer Research**

Registration \$35 before April 3rd

Registration opens January 21st, 2015

Go to www.PartyInParrotDise.com for full details



Come
SAIL AWAY
ON THE
S/V Mandalay!



**Join your host Tami Casey and the Chicago Parrot Head Club
as we sail the St. Vincent Grenadine Islands!**

We will begin our journey to unspoiled beaches, hidden inlets and sparkling warm waters that conventional cruise ships just can't reach. We will go where the wind and the Captain take us!

Sunday, August 9 - Saturday, August 15, 2015

The S/V Mandalay sails from its homeport of St. George's, Grenada. Boarding begins on Sunday at 5 pm and disembarks on Saturday at 10 am. Stay longer if you like!



Entertainment
by the
legendary
Hollow Man
himself,
Mike Miller!

Cabins are available on a first come first
serve basis, but space is limited to 58
passengers.

Valid PASSPORT Required

Standard Cabins are now \$901.00
Commodore Cabins are now \$1,012.00
Deck Cabins are now \$1,123.00

Includes a week's passage and all of your meals, port charges, entertainment fees and some alcohol - early morning Bloody Mary's, 5 o'clock Rum Swizzle Time and Wine with dinner.

\$250 deposit is due at time of booking, so hurry to get the cabin of your choice!

NOT INCLUDED:

R/T Airfare to Grenada, tips for the crew (suggested \$125 per person for the week), transfers, excursions, bar and retail purchases

Book through Sail Windjammer Reservations Dept.
Be sure to mention the Chicago Parrot Head Club Event
(888) 972-7245 EXT. 101 sailwindjammer.com

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



You should know by now our biggest fundraiser “Party In Parrottdise” is set for next weekend, April 17-19th. Check our web site for all our updates. We have some unbelievable baskets, silent auction items and many other opportunities to win some great prizes. I want to thank all of you that have made donations; this event’s success cannot happen without your generosity. We are also looking for members to work short shifts on Saturday night to help have this event run smoothly.

Misericordia Candy Day is set for Saturday, April 25th and our new corner is located at Cass and Ogden Avenues in Westmont. I will have a sign up sheet again at the April meeting. If you cannot attend April’s meeting, contact me to sign up. We are looking for a minimum of 2 hours of work per member and of course, dress in your finest Parrot Head apparel.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and it will be sunny & warm. Cross your fingers! I need more people for the 9-11 AM shift. I plan to arrive at the corner about 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 25th. I am also planning to stay on-site for the entire day.

Our “Walk to end Alzheimer’s” is set for Sunday, September 27th. We have our team registered and you can join it by going to the Walk website. We have been the number one fundraising Parrot Head Club in the country for the last 4 years; let’s keep this record going! Someone develops Alzheimer’s every 67 seconds. Clinical studies are essential to finding new treatments and an individual cure. The Greater Illinois Alzheimer’s Association is looking for those with the disease, caregivers and healthy volunteers to sign-up for Alzheimer’s Association TrialMatch. If you wish to be in this study, please contact me at Rnooner@aol.com

Dates to Remember

Party in Parrottdise	April 17-19 th
Misericordia Candy Day	April 25 th
Jimmy Buffett Concert	June 27 th
Misericordia Family Fest	September 13 th
Walk to End Alzheimer’s	September 27 th
Meeting of the Minds, Key West	November 4-8 th

A special “Thanks” from the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club to all those Chicago members who went to Tampa and supported their event. We helped them raise \$32,000 for Shiners Hospitals thru the Music on the Bay weekend. Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Parrot Head Club with a job well done.

Bob Noonan, Charity Director Chicago Parrot Head Club
Board Member – Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter



Sharon Klupar-Secretary



Karen Levang-Evinger -Treasurer



Joe Klen-Communications Director

The Chicago Parrot Head club is a Not For- Profit organization whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs and to provide for its members a means of social interaction for people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. Any general questions regarding our club, contact

billy@chicagoparrotheads.com -or- write us at MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

The Chicago Parrot Head Club newsletter is a monthly publication. If you have any information on an

upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Joe Klen - No later than the second Friday of the month.

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Jimmy Buffett Chicago Concert Tinley Park - June 27th, 2015

