



Chicago Parrot Head News



February 2014

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From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Sixty-Third Entry: February 19, 2014

Hope Ye all had a great Valentine's Day and Welcome back to our NEW port of indecision, and we are actually Southeast of the disorder that was Elmhurst Public House! HB Jones be our new HomePort, and these flea bitten landlubbers welcome all ye salty dogs into their midst with open arms and flagons of wine and ale, not to mention some good gruel to warm yer bellies! We are experiencing a warming and thawing of the waterways, so we are sailing out for some great times with our fellow scalliwags. Where e'er ye roam, represent our fleet in dramatic fashion, and I expect fierce tales of mischief and debauchery! Enjoy the warm weather, and again, thanks be to our gracious hosts in our new port! Cheers!

*Bloody Bill
The Pirate King*



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

VALENTINES DAY: lore and legend behind Valentines (continued on last page)

ATTENTION PARROTHEADS

Party - IN Parrot- Dise 2014 Update . . . From Sharon—PIP Chairman

Make your hotel reservations. We have a block of rooms for Friday & Saturday night: April 11th - 12th
Holiday Inn & Suites, 150 S Gary Ave, Carol Stream IL. 630-665-3000

Room rates good til 4/5/14: Standard:\$109.95; Jr. Suite:\$119.95; Suites:\$124.95

Included with your hotel room are 2 deluxe Breakfast Buffett Coupons per night booked. Registration will begin January 15, 2014 for PIP. In the meantime you can check the website for further information
www.partyinparrotlise.com

You must call the hotel directly at 630-665-3000 to make your reservation and let them know you are with the Chicago Parrot Head Club.

Don't drag those flip flops....this event sells out at 225 attendees



Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

Greetings from your Cruise Director – Tracey Roth J

Well, spring is trying to make an appearance. If the groundhog is right, we're just a few weeks away. In the meantime, we've got some great events to look forward to....

Saturday, February 22 – This is one busy day! You've got your choice of not one, not two, but THREE places to check out some great live music!

Jim Whaley's 2014 Birthday Bash – Jim & Liz Whaley's, 360 Eggleston Ave., Elmhurst. Performers -Hugo Duarte, Chris Clifton, Bob Banerjee, Dave Matchette and Chris Corey, Dean Cavill, Jack Mosley. The event is priced the same as last year, \$50.00 per person when paid in advance. Tickets sales at the door, if any are available will be \$60. Payment due by Jan. 31 !Also, we will have a Friday night "Eat and Greet" at Stacy's Cafe on Mannheim Road in Bellwood with all the guys who are in town in attendance. If you are interested in being a part of the magic this year please e-mail Jim Whaley at whaleyj5@comcast.net with a head count.

Parrots of the Caribbean – Jimmy Buffett Tribute – This is an annual event at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet (15 E. Van Buren St.) and is sponsored by Dos Equis. Tickets are \$50-60 and include the concert, tailgate party, drinks and light appetizers. Tailgate party begins at 5 p.m. and the show is at 7 p.m. For more info, visit http://www.rialtosquare.com/parrots_of_the_caribbean.asp#

Island Beach Bash – Rockford, Illinois (Northern Illinois Parrot Head Club) – benefitting Special Olympics. For more info visit <http://www.niphc.com/>

Tuesday, March 4 (Mardi Gras) – Mojo & The Bayou Gysies – Diplomat West, 681 West North Avenue, Elmhurst. Celebrate Fat Tuesday with some Zydeco music and Cajun food all while raising money for Shriner's Bikes for Special Kids. \$25 general admission tickets with 5 and 10 pack discounts. VIP packages also available. <http://www.redhotmojo.com/MOJOchicagoshow2014.html> for more info.

Thursday, March 6 – Mr. Myers Duo at Beelow's Steakhouse, 763 S. Rand Rd, Lake Zurich, IL (8PM - 12AM) www.beelows.com

Thursday, March 13 - Todd Donnelly at Rugan's Wine and Martini Bar, 921 Toft Ave, Antioch, IL www.rugans.com

Social Cruise Director Tracey (continuation...)

Saturday, March 29 – Tailwinds Distilling – Tour and tasting, 14912 S. Eastern Avenue, Plainfield, IL – Tailwinds Distilling has reserved their 3p tour just for us! Come sample locally produced Rum and Agave Spirits (same type of liquor as tequila, but you can't call it that since it's made outside of Mexico). Tasting is \$5 per person which is redeemable towards the price of a bottle (and trust me...you will want this in your liquor cabinet!) For more information about Tailwinds, visit www.tailwindsdistilling.com

Save the Date for Kane County Cougars Jimmy Buffet night! This year, the Kane County Cougars Jimmy Buffet night is Saturday night, June 21. Mr. Myers is playing again, but this year, the band is playing in the Music Garden from 4p-530p with the game starting at 6:30p. Barb Siegman will coordinate the event again including ticket sales. She can reserve a block of 30 tickets if the club is interested, but she can get more. 50 club members and families and friends attended last year. Ticket prices and other details to come.....

Also mark your calendars for the following Party with a Purpose Road Trip opportunities!

February 27 – March 2, Music on the Bay (MOTB), Tampa, Florida (Central Florida Parrot Head Clubs) – benefitting Shriner's Hospitals for Children. For more info visit musiconthebay.org

March 8 - Matt Hoggatt and The Jumbo Shrimp Band at Great Rivers Saloon, St. Louis, MO (St. Louis Parrot Head Club) <http://jshrimp.com/tour-dates/>

March 9 – Matt Hoggatt and The Jumbo Shrimp Band at Belmont Vineyards and Winery, Leasburg, MO (Route 66 Parrot Head Club) <http://jshrimp.com/tour-dates/>

April 25 – 27, 9th Annual Parrot Head Rendevous, Panama City Beach, Florida (Panama City Parrot Head Club). For more info visit <http://www.panamacityphc.org/>

May 15 – 18, Phins to the West, Laughlin, NV. Repeatedly nominated as The Trop Rock Music Alliance's best Trop-Rock event, this year promises to be the best ever! For more info visit <http://www.phinstothewest.com/index.html>

**Party In Parrot-dise
Pirates of New Orleans!
April 11th-13th**

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



I had an opportunity to attend the Leadership Summit 2014 for Alzheimer's Association in New Orleans this month. I was there representing the board of the Greater Illinois Chapter but as others found out I was also representing the Parrot Heads. Many of the attendees thanked us Parrot Heads nationwide for doing Walks all over the country. Thank you all walkers and supporters!!!!!!

We had a very successful food drive at last month's meeting. I want to give a "Special Thanks" to Jim Whaley for delivering all the food we collected. The Crew was looking for other ways to help with the food bank. We have come up with a short list of items for our Club members to donate at each monthly meeting to help others in need. We cannot do it without everyone's support.

February – No collections, but we are looking for Party in Parrot-dise items. I did mention in January newsletter we would be collecting Hawaiian shirts for Misericordia. If we receive any at the February meeting I will drop them off at Misericordia; it's close to my house.

March – We will be collecting Hawaiian shirts for the Kitchen staff at Misericordia.

April – No collections. This month we will be holding Party in Parrot-dise event. We hope you will make your donations before this meeting. It takes a large amount of time to get items together for baskets and auction items.

May- PJ's for the Troops.

Party in Parrot-dise is **April 11-13th**. See web site for details. This event raises money for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Illinois and Gateway to Cancer Research.

We have a date for Misericordia Candy Days!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It will be on **Saturday, April 26th** at the corner of Finley and Butterfield in Lombard. As details are available I will be post on the web site and in our newsletter. Misericordia will be doing an online sign up for this event and I will keep the Club posted.

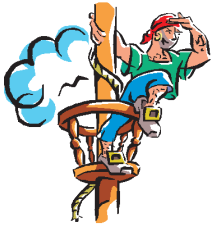
September – The Walk for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Illinois will be on **Sunday, September 28, 2014**. The snow along the lake should be melted by then, what a winter we are having. The Walk will be held along Chicago's lake front again. Our team page is up and running so get signed up and begin getting support for your walk. *I will have supplies to support your efforts at April's meeting.*

October / November – MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) "Havana Daydreaming" will be held from **October 29th to November 2nd** benefiting many charities in the Keys. This event is open to any Club member in good standing. *I will be coordinating our efforts to the Keys, someone has to do it!!!!!!*

As you check out other club web sites for activities please take notice that most clubs are doing their events to support a Charity cause, Party with a Purpose. Look to our Social director page for many fun events coming up soon.

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

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy January



Ok people how come Nascar and Spring Training have started and we are still freezing and covered in SNOW? I'm sure will all ask ourselves every winter "Why do We Live?????"

Had a great time at the hockey game and got to see the Wolves win to top it off. This was my first wolves game and I had a blast. Thanks to all who joined in the fun filled day.

Get your pirate gear together because PIP is coming fast. This next weekend is a busy one so those heading to Rockford be safe, Liz enjoy your Birthday Bash and those going to the Rialto enjoy.



A big Happy Birthday to:

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|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Dawn Marek | February 21 | |
| Kurt Rubin | March 3 | (he told me this is the Big 40) |
| Chi Chi Skopek | March 6 | |
| Jean Motal | March 8 | (we miss you both) |
| Larry McLaughlin | March 9 | |
| Kristi Moen | March 10 | |
| David Folger | March 10 | |
| Brian Osowski | March 13 | |
| Pat Stefan | March 16 | |

Put on your flip flops and dance the day away!



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Calling All ParrotHead Members

PIP 2014 will be here before you can *shiver me timbers!*

This year, proceeds from the event will be split between The Alzheimer's Association and The Gateway for Cancer Research. Since the Chicago ParrotHead Club is NOT a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, we rely on our members to help secure sponsorships and donations. The amount of money we raise is dependent on donations and sponsorships.

We need:

- **Donations**

Smaller donations to go into raffle baskets * Bottles of alcohol * Gift cards to restaurants/stores * Tickets/Passes to movie theatres * items you got for Christmas, that you don't need...etc

Larger donated items for silent auction- Usually items \$250 and greater value * Time-share for a vacation stay * Sporting Event Tickets * New TV/DVD Players * Unique Tropical Items...etc

- **Sponsorships:**

Sponsorships help cover the costs of the event and allow us to donate more money to our charities. Sponsorship levels are Green Parrot \$100 (included 2 tickets)* Silver Parrot \$250 (includes 4 tickets)* Gold Parrot \$500 (includes 6 tickets)* Platinum Parrot \$1000 (includes 10 tickets) Check the website www.partyinparrotise.com to see what else is included with each sponsorship level.

Consider your own company as a sponsor, your employer, businesses owned by relatives or friends. ASK EVERYONE, you may be pleasantly surprised on how much people may want to help.

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Thank You Everyone!!! Sharon- PIP 2014 Chairman

Contributed by Captain Billy (continuation from first page)

VALENTINES DAY: lore and legend behind Valentines (who knew? And never say we didn't teach ye anything!)

VALENTINE'S Day is thought to have evolved from a spring holiday celebrated in ancient Rome. The feast of Lupercalia was actually celebrated on February 15 and honoured the god Lupercus, who protected the people and their herds from wolves. On this day, dances were held for single young men and women. A man would draw his partner's name from a piece of papyrus placed in a bowl. The man not only danced with his partner but was also obligated to protect her throughout the new year, which began in March. In many cases, the partners became sweethearts and were soon married. When the tradition of these dances was later revived in the Middle Ages, a man would wear his sweetheart's name on his sleeve. Even today we refer to someone who is quick to show their feeling as "wearing his heart on his sleeve."

Why it's called Valentines Day

Valentine's Day most likely received its name and date from Valentinus, a Roman priest who was beheaded on February 14 in the third century A.D. At that time, Emperor Claudius II banned all weddings and engagements, believing that newly married men made poor Roman soldiers. Valentinus defied the emperor by performing secret marriages and has since been regarded as the patron saint of lovers. When Valentinus was imprisoned for refusing to worship pagan gods, children made bouquets, tied on love notes, and tossed them through the prison bars. Valentine then prayed for a miracle, hoping that God would restore the sight of the jailer's blind daughter. The Emperor Claudius became enraged when the miracle occurred and both the jailer and his daughter converted to Christianity. Condemned to die, the priest sent the young girl a farewell message signed simply, "from your Valentine."

Valentine's Day messages

Over time, love notes sent to sweethearts on February 14 became known as valentines – as did those who sent them. Paper valentines differed from those of today in that most were printed without messages, leaving the 18th-century lover to pen his own sentiment. Paper valentines became popular in the 18thC. Before commercial printers created the colorful heirlooms we now have from Victorian times, people created their own valentines from paper scraps. In the 19th-century a lady would trace the outline of her hand, than add a paper heart in the center as a symbol of her affection for the recipient.



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PLUS

Your Chicago Parrot Head Club will receive a donation of 10%

Offer Good on all merchandise in the online store thru 5/31/2014

www.LivinglikeaPirate.com



Sharon Klupar-Secretary



Karen Levang-Evinger -Treasurer

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
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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