

Captain's Logbook Eighty-seventh Entry: February 17, 2016

From the Captain's Chair

Looks like we have sailed past the Port of Valentine's and are coming upon a few days shore leave with our sister fleets, and one from out of town here to entertain ye bunch o' hooligans! Let's enjoy this time of revelry, for after this, we buckle down and make way for our own waters! Big show announcements be on the horizon, including our own! And we be needin all of ye on deck to man the cannons, resupply, and look for plunder. Prepare yerselves for the downwind run as we hit uncharted waters, but adventure be comin, and ye don't want to miss the fun!

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King



Billy Brehm Our Pirate King

Why it's called Valentines Day... this should warm yer hearts!

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."



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Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

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I don't know about the rest of you, but I am ready for winter to be over! Hopefully that groundhog was right and spring will be here early. In the meantime, think warm thoughts while you enjoy some tropical music and umbrella drinks at the following events.

Party with a Purpose -

Havana Daydreamin', February 27 – Sponsored by the Quad City Parrot Head Club and benefitting Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This year's event features Jimmy & the Parrots along with John Frinzi and Tall Paul & Crawdaddy. Tickets are \$25 (including pre-party) or pre-reserved tables of 8 for \$240. The event will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, IA. Discounted rooms are available at the connected Isle of Capri Casino Hotel by calling 1-800-theisle and reference code WPH0401. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.qcph.com

Island Beach Bash, February 27 – Sponsored by Northern Illinois Parrot Head Club and benefitting Northwestern Illinois Special Olympics, Carpenter's Place, Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary, and P.A.W.S. Featuring Tony Amber, Mr. Myers, and Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The event will be held at Giovanni's in Rockford. Discounted rooms are available at the Comfort Inn next door by calling 815-398-7061. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.niphc.com.

<u>Music on the Bay, March 3-6</u> – Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Parrot Heads in Paradise Club, Sarasota Bay Parrot Head Club, Space Coast Parrot Head Club, and Key West Parrothead Club with the generous assistance and support of Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach Bar in Tampa, Florida. Features too many artists to list. :) Proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Visit <u>http://</u> www.musiconthebay.org/ for more information

<u>One Particular Harbour, April 30</u> – Sponsored by the Dubuque Phlockers and benefitting St. Mark Youth Enrichment. This year's event features Pirate Over 50 and Steve Cavanaugh with Randy Dressler as the opening musical acts, followed by Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The event will be held at The Grand River Center in Dubuque, IA. Discounted rooms are available at the Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark of Dubuque - visit the resort on-line at http://www.grandharborresort.com or call them at (563) 690-4000 and ask for the Dubuque Phlocker/Parrothead room rate. For more information, visit http://www.dbqphlockers.org/.

And some other fun stuff...

<u>Kane County Cougars – Jimmy Buffett Night, June 18</u> – Mark your calendars for a night at the ballpark. Mr. Myers will again be performing a pre-game concert followed by the game and fireworks set to the tunes of Jimmy! Tickets are \$13 per person and parking is \$10 for reserved parking or \$5 for general parking. This is a family friendly event, so bring your kids and grandkids for a fun time at the ballpark! Barb Siegman will again be coordinating for us, so please email her at <u>siegman823@att.net</u> or catch her at the meeting and let her know how many tickets you'll need and what kind of parking. (THANKS BARB!)

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Dreadlock Holiday with Todd Donnelly at Tropp's Rock, June 25 – Join Dee and Bill Tropp at their home in Olympia Washington as they introduce Todd to a whole new fan base in the Pacific Northwest. The weather is typically sunny and warm in the summer. Olympia is a funky little town with lots of stuff to do, including the famous Oly Bar Crawls that the Tropps take all visiting friends on. They are an hour south of Seattle, an hour and a half from Mt St Helens and two hours from Mt Ranier. If you want to venture a little further...about 200 miles to British Columbia to the north or 100 miles to Portland OR to the south. An hour's drive west will take you to the Pacific Ocean. They are at the gateway to the Olympic Peninsula (think ocean beaches, temperate rain forests and Olympic National Park.) To the east are the Cascades. C'mon, who needs more reasons than that to go! Dee has set up a Facebook page for the event and will be providing updates there as the date gets closer.

Other places to find the music....

February 19 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5:30-11:30p February 19 – Tropixplosion, The Listening Room, Crystal Lake, 7:30p February 20 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5:30-11:30p February 20 – Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band, Just One More, Joliet, 8p

And don't forget...

The first annual Summer Chi.Ill Music Fest and Fundraiser – July 14-17 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. There will be special hotel rates, a Zanies comedy club night, golf specials, spa specials, raffles, prizes, games, auctions....and most of all, live trop rock music inside on Bourbon Street, outside all day Saturday by the pool, and Saturday night in the main New Orleans Ballroom! (don't worry about bad weather, we can always take it indoors!)

The Line up includes...

- Flip Flop Dave and Catfish on harmonica from the Jumbo Shrimp band
- Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band
- Charlie Imes
- Brendan Mayer
- The Detentions
- Thom Shepherd and Coley McCabe
- Brittany Kingery, Rob Hill and the "Djembabe" Melanie Howe
- AND....The Boat Drunks!

All proceeds will benefit Cornerstone Services, Inc. A local organization that provides progressive, comprehensive services to people with disabilities promoting choice, dignity, and the opportunity to live and work in the community. All sponsor donations are tax deductible, and all attendees will have the opportunity to be a personal sponsor for a tax deduction.

To register – visit the Summer Chi.Ill website at www.summerchi-ill.com. Also, don't forget to "like" the event page on Facebook to get all the latest updates! https://www.facebook.com/SummerChi.Ill/ *********************

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy Valentines

Welcome to February where the days get longer and the air gets a tad bit warmer. Spring is just around the corner or so the ground hog said. Should we really trust him?







Let's send a big shout out to our Birthday Friends

Tom Tanton	2/18
Dawn Marek	2/18
Haley Warren	2/23
Anne Dorminey	2/28
Ken Lowe	2/28

Dave Kibitleski	3/1
Kurt Rubin	3/3
Mickey Kappel	3/6
Chi Chi Skopek	3/6
Larry McLaughlin	3/9
Dave Folger	3/10
Joe Sebek	3/11
Brian Osowski	3/13
Pat Stefan	3/16

You made it another year so you have "a lot to drink about" So get out and enjoy your day





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The Pirate Hood - Charity Page Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan

February is our month to collect Hawaiian/tropical shirts to donate to the Kitchen staff at Misericordia. Please bring your slightly used or unused shirts/blouses to the February meeting so I can drop them off at their 6300 N. Ridge location. These residents look forward to our annual donation of Parrot Head clothing, so please be generous.

Our support of Northern Illinois Food Bank went very well. At our January monthly club meeting we collected eighty-five pounds of food

products and \$392.00 (cash and checks) for the food bank. The \$392.00 collected will allow the Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide \$3,136.00 to hungry families. Good job Parrot Heads, a great way to Party with a Purpose and help those in need.

Our Club page for "Walk to End Alzheimer's" is set up and ready for volunteers to sign-up. If you have walked in the past, use your previous signed-up name and pass code from 2015. If you are a new walker, go to Alz.org and register for this good cause. We as a Club have led the way for other Parrot Head Clubs, so let's continue the tradition. Our Chicago Walk is Sunday, September 25, 2016 and will begin at Montrose Harbor, same location as last year. I will update the Club on money raised and any other information as we get closer to the event.

I am still working with Misericordia to find a volunteer corner for us orphan Parrot Heads to work Candy Days. As many of you know, we have helped Misericordia with their annual Candy Days event for many years. The event is planned for Friday, April 29th & Saturday, April 30th. We normally only work the Saturday, so mark your calendars and as soon as I get our location I will announce it.

Dates to remember:

Candy Days	Saturday, April 30, 2016
Summer Chi.ill	Thursday, July 14 through Sunday, July 17, 2016 (more details
	on our web site)
Misericordia Family Fest Sunday, September 11, 2016	
MOTM 2016	November 2 nd – 6 th , 2016 – Key West

As in the past, if you have any questions about our Charity events, please contact me at <u>Rnooner@aol.com</u>. I look forward to any and all input to make our "Party with a Purpose" events even better.

Bob Noonan

Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club - Mayor of MOTM Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter



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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

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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