



# Chicago Parrot Head News



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## From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Sixty-Second Entry: January 15, 2014

*Well, we survived the New Year with roaring fires and rum in abundance, and it is pretty outside except for the fact that I'm freezing the balls off my brass monkey. And not the saying .....my monkey is pretty brass and his balls just fell off, saving me money in the long run from the monkey spay and neuter league, and the monkey humping issues have all but stopped. But enough about me! This fleet is all about you and what a great job Ye all did last year! Lots of partying and for great purposes! And as we sail into 2014, we start off right away with getting much needed provisions to those pirates that need it more than we do! Welcome to the New Year my friends, off we go again!*

Bloody Bill

*The Pirate King*

### **Freezing the Balls off the Brass Monkey**

*This piece of alleged history explains that in the olden days of sailing ships, cannon balls were stacked on the decks on brass plates called "monkeys." The plates had indentions in them that held the balls on the bottoms of the stacks. Brass, however, expands and contracts with the temperature and if it got cold enough, the cannon balls could fall...giving real foundation to the phrase "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey!"*

### **The Truth**

*According to the United States Navy Historical Center, this is a legend of the sea without historical justification. The center has researched this because of the questions it gets and says the term "brass monkey" and a vulgar reference to the effect of cold on the monkey's extremities, appears to have originated in the book "Before the Mast" by C.A. Abbey. It was said that it was so cold that it would "freeze the tail off a brass monkey." The Navy says there is no evidence that the phrase had anything to do with ships or ships with cannon balls.*



**Billy Brehm**

*Our Pirate King*

## ATTENTION PARROTHEADS

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

The PIP planning committee is busy getting everything in place for Party in Parrot-Dise 2014. You are now able to make your hotel reservations for this event at: Holiday Inn & Suites- 150 S Gary Ave, Carol Stream IL.

We have a block of rooms for Friday night April 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday night April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014. Room rates are: \$109.95 Standard \* \$119.95 Jr. Suite \* \$124.95 Suites \* Rates good til 4/5/14. 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.partyinparrottdise.com](http://www.partyinparrottdise.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 - Our New Cruise Director*

Greetings from your Cruise Director – Tracey Roth J

I don't know about the rest of you, but after all the cold and snow the beginning of this year, I am VERY ready for some tropical diversions. Here's what we can all look forward to...

**Saturday, January 25- The Wailers** (Featuring original members of "Bob Marley & The Wailers" - will be performing at MOEJOES in Joliet (22 W. Cass St.) Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.moejoesofjoliet.com](http://www.moejoesofjoliet.com)

**Saturday, February 8 – Cabana Charley's of Sycamore Cabin Fever Party.** Mr. Myers will be performing at 8:00 Cabana Charley's in Sycamore (1470 S. Peace Rd, Sycamore)

**Weekend of February 8-9 – Rob Mehl** – Exact date, time and location TBD.

**Sunday, February 16 – Wolves Game, 3 p.m.** – 20° and the hockey game's on.... We have secured 30 tickets plus have more on reserve if needed. This is a 'keet friendly event for family and friends of club members. Tickets are \$16.50 and seats in lower level section 104 rows K – M. The Wolves are playing the Milwaukee Admirals so we've also invited our phriends to the north in Milwaukee to join us for a cross club classic. Please contact a Crew member or email [crew@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:crew@chicagoparrotheads.com) to reserve your ticket and arrange payment.

**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](mailto: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#](http://www.rialtosquare.com/parrots_of_the_caribbean.asp#)

**Island Beach Bash** – See Party with a Purpose Road Trips below for more information.

## *Social Cruise Director Tracey (continuation)*

**Tuesday, March 5 (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)

**Coming soon – Friday Frank –n- Fish** – Elmhurst American Legion (310 W. Butterfield). We're working with the American Legion to schedule Frank Whiting once a month. Since Friday is their Fish Fry (yum!), we're calling it Frank –n- Fish. Watch your e-mail for updates!

**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 1, Havana Daydreamin'** – Davenport, Iowa (Quad City Parrot Head Club) – benefitting Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. For more info, visit <http://www.qcph.com/>.

**February 22, Island Beach Bash** - Rockford, Illinois (Northern Illinois Parrot Head Club) – benefitting Special Olympics. For more info visit <http://www.niphc.com/>

**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](http://musiconthebay.org)

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



## The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

### Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



Well we have been off to a wild start here in Chicago with this crazy weather. But your Charity Director has been busy contacting organizations we work with to find out dates we are needed.

Our first need is tonight as it is our annual food drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food items at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. We are also accepting checks, so anyone who cannot get to the meeting can still contribute. In some of the Illinois food banks, money actually goes further as the food banks receive quantity discounts.

Listed below are some “Party with a Purpose” events you may want to put on your 2014 calendar – a great way to take your mind off this frigid Winter. To get more details on these charity events, go to the respective club web sites.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph, Michigan

“**Barefoot Children in the Sand**” to benefit YWCA Women’s Shelter of South Bend; co-sponsored by Lake Michigan Land Shark Parrot Head Club and Parrot Heads of Michiana (Bob Brogan is a member of this clubJ)

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Davenport, Iowa

“**Havana Daydreamin**” to benefit Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this event.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rockford, Illinois

“**Island Beach Bash**” to benefit Northwest Illinois Special Olympics

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tampa, Florida

“**Music on the Bay**” to benefit Shriners Children Hospital of Tampa

Chicago Parrot Head Club charity events – please mark your calendars to join

**JANUARY through APRIL**

Start bringing items for “Party in Paradise” raffle baskets. NO item is too small or too large. This event is truly a success because of the generous donations made by our Club members.

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

At our February Club meeting, we will be collecting your old Hawaiian shirts to donate to the kids of Misericordia. The kids love these shirts, so please rummage through your closet.

**APRIL**

“**Party in Paradise**” – April 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>; our Club’s biggest “Party with a Purpose” event. See our web site for details.

“**Candy Days**” for Misericordia – I am guessing April 26<sup>th</sup>, but will confirm. Working corners of Lombard collecting money and giving out candy as we play in traffic. This is not a Keet friendly event. Costumes encouraged.

**OCTOBER / NOVEMBER**

**MOTM (Meeting of the Minds)** – October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> benefiting many charities. This year’s MOTM is called “Havana Daydreamin” and will be again held in Key West, FL. This event is open to any Club member in good standing. Registration is now open. ALSO, we need a Club member to write an entry for the Golden Coconut Award. Please check the PHIP website for past entries and guidelines on how to submit the entry. Further, please contact me directly at [Rnooner@aol.com](mailto:Rnooner@aol.com) if you have an interest.

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



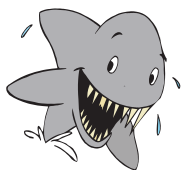
Okay people we all know it is colder than a well diggers a#\*. I'm really tired of hearing cold enough for you? What part of I wear flip flops till my toes turn blue do they not get????? Now that I got that off my chest we can get down to Parrot business. Remember that the PIP committee can use anything you have to put in the raffle baskets. If you have any decorations taking up space in your house that we can use you can send them my way. Hope you all had a great New Year. I never make resolutions I make goals that way when they fail I don't feel quite as bad. And as far as that goes I'm not doing well so far. I may have to start over on Chinese New Year that way it's another reason to party again don't you think? Party with a purpose is the motto.



## A big shout out to those who will be celebrating a Birthday:

Wayne Skopek	January 15	Tiffany Biros	February 2
George Zimmerman	January 16	Michael Hardesty	February 6
Jen Perkins	January 17	Mike Lepic	February 7
Steve Tuttle	January 20	Kevin Marren	February 12
Susi Camp	January 23	Janet Henderson	February 14
Michael Marchese	January 24	Liz Whaley	February 14
Lynn Horne	January 29	Tom Tanton	February 18
Tom Fitzgibbons	January 28		
Debbie Marchese	January 30		

I think we all should party like it's our birthday but, for those really celebrating party hard!!!



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Your Membership Diva



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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.partyinparrotdis.com](http://www.partyinparrotdis.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



## Look Good, Do Good & Feel Good

Use the Code "Party2014" at checkout to receive 15% OFF your order

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](http://www.LivinglikeaPirate.com)



Happy 2014 Chicago Parrotheads!

First, I want to thank everyone for your kind words and prayers upon the passing of my father on 12/30. It was a bit of a surprise and has somewhat thrown me and my family into a whirlwind trying to take care of everything. Also, a huge thanks to the club for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent, and a special thanks to those who came to the wake. I really needed it and, as usual, the Parrotheads were there to help!

I had planned to put together a 2013 recap of the financials for this newsletter and meeting, but have been crazy busy trying to take care of family “stuff”, so I was unable to get to this. I plan to have that info for the February newsletter and meeting, but as always, if anyone ever has questions about the financial state of the club, please don't hesitate to contact me. And, as always, we're solvent!

I also have another thank you to send out, this one from the Goldammer Family, which is one of many families whose home was devastated by the tornado last November. Several club members donated cash and gift cards, as well as clothing and household items to this family, who is the family of my husband Mark's co-worker Dave.

They sent us a Christmas card, and asked us to forward their message on to the Parrothead Club. Here it is:

“Thank you for your heartfelt prayers, support and generosity following the November 17 tornado in our hometown of Washington, IL. Words cannot express our gratitude for what you have done for us. We thank God for sparing our lives and the lives of so many in the path of the storm. We mourn with the families who lost loved ones.”

To the Parrotheads they wrote,” Thank you for your kindness. We truly appreciate all that you sent us! What a wonderful blessing. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”

Thanks again to everyone for everything, and I am looking forward to the rest of 2014 being much, much better with all of you!

Karen (K2)



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

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