



# Chicago Parrot Head News



November 2013

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## From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Sixtieth Entry: November 20, 2013

*Well Shiver me timbers....and rightfully so! We came into port on a fair wind and Jack Frost suddenly nipped way more than me nose! Batten the hatches and haul in the main sheets, it seems to me we be getting a nasty winter coming our way...but it will not slow our progress! More merriment and antics be afoot, even if we be indoors hiding from the cold! As we pay a visit to the animals and prepare for some holiday treats, let's give thanks for the shipmates we share this scurvy lot with! It seems we are all of the right mind to do good things for lesser fleets, while engaging in all forms of ragtag debauchery along the way! Which appears to be why we all get along so well, with a devilish grin and a tilted halo! Welcome to the Holiday sail, cheers to Ye, me hearties!*



**Billy Brehm**  
Our Pirate King

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King

*There are good ships,  
and there are wood ships,  
The ships that sail the sea.  
But the best ships, are friendships,  
And may they always be.*

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## ATTENTION PARROT HEADS

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



## *Looking for a new Social Cruise Director*

Just a reminder that Official Club socials earn you points. If you are at an event designated as an official social, please see a crew member to sign in..

### **Sunday, November 19 – Brookfield Zoo Holiday Tree Trim / Scavenger Hunt**

Once again we will be decorating our Christmas tree at the zoo! This is a donation supporting the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Zoological Society. There will be a limited number of parking and entry passes handed out at the November club meeting (if you have passes, please use them, carpool, and spread the wealth so we get everyone in free!), Tree decorating starts at 10:00 am sharp on November 24th... at which time we no where near tastefully decorate our tree! If you squint—it somewhat resembles Hawaii, but mostly looks like Parrotheads threw up all over the tree and violated a parrot while doing so—ha! Needless to say it gets the most looks every year!

Then....by popular demand, the great Zoo Scavenger Hunt! Will there be return questions? check your memory? Where will you end up? It's a mystery and Google will not help you! BUT.....we will split into random teams (no cheating, this is to also get to know our phellow clubmembers) and then this year it will be shorter BUT harder (insert joke here). The goal is to get as many answered as you can, and it must be turned in BY 12:30 at the Sanctuary for credit and of course....prizes!!! We have limited time on this, so you get as many as you can, and run over by us where kick off for the Bears game is at NOON! The Sanctuary is located right around the corner at:

The Sanctuary of Brookfield | 3747 Grand Blvd. | Brookfield, IL 60513 | 708.387.2500

### **Thursday, December 19th – John Patti and Nadirah Shakoor**

More details are coming, but plan to be in St. Charles on December 19th to see John Patti and Nadirah Shakoor perform a holiday concert to benefit NAMI! This is organized by our own Ron Horne and the club is in support of this cause! Stay tuned for more info!

A Calyp-Soul Christmas - 7:30 PM

At the Arcada Theater:

105 E. Main Street

St. Charles, IL.

Tickets on sale for \$30.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need.

[www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)

## The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

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



**MOTM 2013** was a huge success and a lot of fun for the 49 Chicago Club members who went to the island of Key West. We partied, donated blood, worked security, worked registration, bought raffle tickets for Charity, and ran/walk for cancer – Wow what a schedule! The final figures of how much money was raised for charity at MOTM 2013 is not available yet, but when they are available, I will include them in our newsletter and on the web site. Last year, all of us and Parrot Heads nationwide in PHIP were able to raise over \$25,000 for local charities in Key West and surrounding counties. It is my hope that our MOTM 2013 efforts were even more successful.

I also want to send a special thanks to Sharon Klupar for all her behind the scenes work for our Club attendees. She designed and made our Chicago lanyards along with a contact list (a/k/a the drunk dialing card) for all of us. Also, another thank you for the items and cash donated to our Chicago raffle basket for the auction on Saturday at the Casa. I wore my “Mayor of MOTM” sash at many events on the Island and had several very positive comments. Again thank you to the Crew and Club for the honor to help with MOTM. We did not win the “Golden Coconut” award this year, but we will keep trying! Creek Lake of Seven Points, Texas won the 2013 Golden Coconut award. You can go to the MOTM website and read the Creek Lake of Seven Points winning entry, it’s kind of interesting.

**MOTM 2014** is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Key West, Florida and the theme name is “Havana Dreaming”. Registration for MOTM 2014 will open about January 1, 2014, so look to our website for details.

**This year baking days at Misericordia has hit a snag.** Misericordia has gone to an on-line sign up for all their volunteer groups. Well, I did sign up 14 bakers to work in the bakery, but I inadvertently signed up for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. At this time no other slots are available for the holiday baking. I am planning to go that Monday to Misericordia, and ask that anyone who is able to attend please let me know asap. I want to release spots on-line if we do not have 14 Club members able to attend. I am truly sorry I screwed up this event.

**Just a reminder** to all those who raised money for the Alzheimer’s walk, please send a thank you note to all those who supported your efforts. People truly appreciate the thoughtful gesture and tend to give again.

On that note, our President Billy dropped off nine pounds of pop tops to McDonald’s and the Club received a thank you letter from McDonald’s for its donation. The Club received a check for \$40.40 for our recycling efforts.

**Happy Thanksgiving to everyone,**  
 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 November to you all



Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a stress free black Friday.. Let the shopping commend. Can't wait to hear the MOTM stories from some of the pictures I'm sure you have a lot to tell or not. Have a safe and happy holiday and remember you can pick your friends and not your family and that is the reason for alcohol.



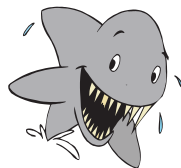
Marty Kuklinski  
Matt Sloan

November 24  
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Tara Tuttle  
Torrie Felton  
Scott Henderson

December 6  
December 13  
December 13

Happy Birthday to you all  
Vicki Kerr  
Membership Diva



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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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