



# Chicago Parrot Head News



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## From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Fifty-Ninth Entry: October 16, 2013

*Ahoy Ghouls and Goblins! Welcome ye to the Flying Dutchman as we sail into new territory, with All Hallows Eve peeking around the next point. Ye have duly elected a new Crew in true democratic fashion, and not a shutdown in sight! We even have a spot open for cruise director to appoint properly. So we will join the landlubbers for a bit of train pubbery, and as the witching hour approaches, I hear that we have a boarding party of 46 souls embarking on a raid of Key West to represent our fleet! We shall do ye proud with drinking and debauchery as we enjoy the music and merriment only pirates can appreciate! Enjoy the changing seasons as we start to head indoors to continue our journey! Happy Halloween, and see some of you at the Meeting of the Minds!*



**Billy Brehm**  
Our Pirate King

*Bloody Bill*

*The Pirate King*

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### *Women on the Water: Sailing superstition!*

*Nowhere are there more conflicting maritime superstitions than with the subject of women on board. Women weren't welcomed aboard ship, except in port when the sailors had been at sea for a long time. Sometimes passion couldn't wait for landing, and affairs were consummated on the gun deck. That's supposedly where the term "son of a gun" originated. A more practical reason for the ban on women is that they would arouse passions and jealousy. In today's*

*U.S. Navy, women serve on every type of ship except submarines.*

*Strange sounds heard at sea were often blamed on sirens, or mermaids, mythical half-women, half-fish who sang enchanted songs. The melodies supposedly lured sailors into treacherous waters where their ships would be dashed against the rocks.*

*Ironically, the siren's song could wreck a ship, but tradition has it that the sight of a bare-breasted woman could calm an angry sea. That's why so many figureheads of sailing ships were bare breasted, well-endowed women. Women became the prevalent figurehead during the 19th century. Before then it might be the owner of the ship, a war hero, or an imposing animal like a lion, especially for warships. The ancient Egyptians painted eyes on the bow to help the ship find its way. According to Sorkin, figureheads evolved from that practice.*

*Ships are always referred to as "she." The reason is that they are the sailor's home and refuge, sheltering and protecting him from an angry ocean. Just like mom and mother earth.*



## *Greeting From Your Cruise Director - Karen Boylan*

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..

### **Saturday – October 19 – Hair Raising Wig Train Crawl**

Okay time for a new hairstyle. Pick out your favorite wig or don your favorite hat, or pick up a scarf, but somehow cover your melon and get on board the Metra. This Crawl will take us via train along the Burlington Northern Metra Line through to some of the finest establishments in the Western Burbs. (Please note I use the words finest quite loosely). An unlimited Metra Pass is \$7 purchased onboard the train. And along the way we will do a split the pot Poker Run, winner half the pot and the other half going to a charity that offers wigs to Cancer patients. While we are still finalizing some establishment here is the schedule of the day, join us for all or part of the day. The schedule has been planned to accommodate the Metra Schedule, limit walking, avoiding crossing the tracks too many times, and avoiding too much time on the train between bars. Suggestion for the pub crawl. Bring cash or at least pay as you go. You would hate to miss the train because you are settling your tab.

We will end the crawl in Aurora you can park here and take a 12:20 train to arrive in LaGrange at 1:03 or take a 2:20 train and meet us when we board in LaGrange at 3:03

1:00 – 2:45 LaGrange UNOfficial Start

Palmer's Place Biergarten 56 S. Lagrange Rd., LaGrange

2:45 OFFICIAL START – Group photo in front of

We're Nuts 8 W. Burlington, LaGrange (across from Metra Station.)

3:03 – 3:12 Heading East (to Chicago) on Metra from LaGrange Road to Harlem Avenue Stop.

Arrive at James Joyce Irish Pub, 7138 Windsor Ave. Berwyn, IL

#### CROSS TRACKS

3:57 – 4:01 Travel WEST (to Aurora) to Hollywood/Brookfield Zoo Stop.

Arrive at Traxx Side (formerly Johnny B.'s ) 8436 Brookfield Ave. Brookfield, IL

5:01 – 5:20 Travel WEST (to Aurora) from Hollywood to Westmont.

Arrive at Charlie Plumb's Pot Belly Pub, 24 N. Cass Ave.

6:20 – 6:37 Travel WEST (to Aurora) to Naperville (bar is on other side of tracks)

Arrive at 333 N. Center Street Orazio's Pub, 333 N. Center Street, Naperville

7:37 – 8:01 Travel West to Aurora

Crawl wraps up at Two Brother's Roundhouse, 205 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL

### **Saturday – October 26 – Bonfire at the Evinger's**

Karen & Mark are opening their home in Roselle and inviting us for a good old fashion bonfire. Watch the yahoo list or facebook page for more details.

## The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

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



#### WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE PARROT HEAD CLUB IN THE NATION FOR RAISING MONEY OF ALZHEIMER'S!!

Our 2013 Alzheimer's Association "Walk to End Alzheimer's" was a huge success and everyone had a lot of fun along the shores of Lake Michigan. Our club members showed up in their finest "parrot head" attire to raise money with a purpose. As a club we went well past our goal and raised \$12,254.00! Among all the clubs in the nation we raised the most! Great job guys! The Parrot Head clubs nationwide have raised \$76,056 as of October. I exceeded my personal goal and raised \$4,210.00, I have some great friends. Thank you again for participating in the walk. Of course the celebration and fun continued at Trader Todd's after the walk. A fun and full day of "Partying with a Purpose" is appreciated. Good job Chicago Parrot Heads! Any feedback on the walk will be helpful in planning next year's walk.

#### MOTM 2013 "Bring Back the Magic"

As many of you know MOTM 2013 "Bring Back the Magic" is in a few weeks. The dates are October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>. I again will be our "Mayor of MOTM" for the Chicago club. At the close of registration we broke another record by having 49 club members sign up to go to MOTM 2013. We are going to "BRING BACK THE MAGIC" this year. Not only do we have several days of the nation's best Trop Rock Artists playing your favorite music but we will have the entire Coral Reefer Band. We'll even have the Coral Reefer Band Alumni coming to the stage! Do I see Jimmy?? MOTM is more than listening to great music and renewing old friendships, it's a time to "Party with Purpose." Many Chicago members are getting involved during the week with events like the Zonta Walk, working security, working at the registration tables, selling raffle tickets, donating toys to the Salvation Army of Monroe County, and the MOTM Blood Drive. Parrot Heads have been number one in the last eight years to donate to the Key West Blood Bank. Just like last year, we submitted an entry to both the newsletter contest and the Golden Coconut contest for the best Parrot Head Chapter. It is truly a "Party with a Purpose." See you lucky ones in Key West.

If you are attending MOTM 2013 and have not received your "Chicago" Welcome package, please contact me to make arrangements. I look forward to seeing our veterans and newbie's on the Island. If you have any questions about MOTM or Key West I can be contacted at [Rnooner@aol.com](mailto:Rnooner@aol.com).

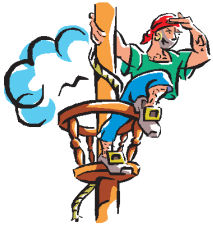


At our October meeting we will be discussing dates to do baking, packing and shipping at Misericordia, it is usually in late November or early December.

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 Halloween Phreinds!!!



Remember if you still have not paid your membership dues yet they were due in September. Also if anything has changed address, email or phone number please get that to me so your contacts are up to date.

### The anniversary party really ROCKED

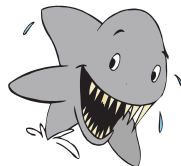
I have put something else on the list if you see me drinking it take it away please... Rum Punch and a 32 oz. mason jar of beer. What was I thinking???? Oh that's right I wasn't. I know from the laughs and dancing on tables it would seem to me we all had a great time. Sunday Funday was music, music and more music with more laughs and more drinks, good food and fun times.



<b>Bob Dunbar</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>Tom Thompson</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Theresa McGing</b>	<b>October 25</b>	<b>Art Marek</b>	<b>November 9</b>
<b>Kathy Tanton</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>Linda McLaughlin</b>	<b>November 10</b>
<b>Doreen Warner</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>Laura Hajec</b>	<b>November 11 (aka: sticker thief)</b>
		<b>Terra Nevitt</b>	<b>November 11</b>
		<b>Larry Eichelberger</b>	<b>November 12</b>
		<b>Chris Bullock</b>	<b>November 13</b>
		<b>Karen Boylan</b>	<b>November 14 (Cruise Director)</b>
		<b>Mike Klaus</b>	<b>November 14</b>
		<b>Stephanie Logan</b>	<b>November 14</b>
		<b>Lynn Achtein</b>	<b>November 14</b>
		<b>Hannah Cwik</b>	<b>November 16</b>
		<b>Matt Norman</b>	<b>November 16</b>
		<b>Doug Smith</b>	<b>November 17</b>

And to Brain And Cyndie Kautz my apologies for mixing up your birthdays for the past 2 years. Brian September 17 and Cyndie October 13

Happy Birthday to you all  
Vicki Kerr  
Membership Diva





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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR  
1ST ANNUAL  
HALLOWEENIE ROAST

Saturday October 26, 2013

6:00 PM - ??

Mark & Karen  
295 Royce Lane  
Roselle, IL 60172  
(630) 894-1104

[Karen.LevangEvinger@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.LevangEvinger@gmail.com)

Please TRY to let us know if you're coming

Bring a lawn chair, jacket, bug spray and anything else you need  
for an evening around the Campfire

S'mores, weenies, and limited drinks will be provided  
Please bring a small side-dish or dessert to share if you can

### *From the desk of PIP 2014 Chairman- Sharon Klupar*

The Chicago ParrotHead Club takes pride in selecting and supporting specific charities. We strive to make informed choices that will ensure all of our hard work raising money for donations will benefit these charities. Recently there has been some concern that the American Cancer Society may not be the best choice for our donation. This organization has slipped in their star rating to 2 stars out of 4 according to the watch dog group, Charity Navigator. 77 cents or less raised in donations actually goes to the program. Their CEO was paid \$628,374 last year. The American Cancer Society has been one of two charities that were supported with donations from our club from money raised at Party In Parrot-Dise(PIP). After some research, the PIP committee has decided to drop the American Cancer Society and replace it with The Gateway for Cancer Research. Here is some highlighted information on this organization:

Headquartered at 1336 Basswood Rd. Schaumburg IL, The Gateway is a unique 501(c) (3) non-profit cancer charity. Thanks to generous underwriting, **99.6 cents of every dollar they receive funds cancer research**- so no walks, no marketing costs, no admin or legal costs, no salaries- just cancer research. They are underwritten by the Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA). **However**, The Gateway **does not** fund any research at CTCA. The Gateway funds Phase I and Phase II human cancer clinical trials all over the United States. The results of Phase I and II clinical trials **do not** benefit CTCA. CTCA has **no legal** authority over the Gateway. The Gateway funds cancer clinical trials that meet the criterion that is deemed acceptable by their board of scientific counselors. CTCA has **no say** over what they fund and **no one** from CTCA is on their board of scientific counselors.

The Gateway currently is funding 26 active clinical trials in 17 different types of cancer. Four of their active clinical trials that are yielding extremely promising results are:

**At UCLA-** in lung cancer

**At Rush Chicago** – in brain cancer

**At Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, WA-** colon cancer

**At Washington U Medical Center-** in breast cancer

**The Gateway for Cancer Research seeks out medical researchers devoted to finding breakthroughs in all areas of cancer research for all types of cancer. In 2012 the Gateway funded studies focused on sarcoma, leukemia, brain, colorectal, lung, blood, cervical, prostate, breast and skin cancer.**

They are not rated by watchdog organizations like BBB Wise Giving Alliance or Charity Navigator because they do not fit the typical categories these organizations look for mainly because they don't have expenses. The 0.4 cents is to cover banking fees. With nearly 20 years of experience, The Gateway offers stability and a strong reputation among the non-profit community. They have ongoing partnerships with numerous organizations such as: Choose Hope, Cancer Sucks, Cancer Fighters Thrive, MedOP, and Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

I hope you all are excited about this charity and look forward to raising money for The Gateway for Cancer Research and the Alzheimer's Association at the upcoming Party In Parrot-Dise event April, 2014.









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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