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Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Seventy-First Entry: October 15, 2014

Welcome to the witching month as we see the leaves change and the waters grow colder. We welcome back our four intrepid Crew members, including myself. Thank be to Ye for bestowing upon me the Captain's position once again. We've done our share to fill the charities coffers, and now we set sail for warmer waters and a little time on land for music and merriment. Enjoy the ghouls and goblins, and do treat yerself! I shall see some of ye in Key West, and the rest upon our return. Until then, double rations of grog for all of Ye!

*Bloody Bill
The Pirate King*



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

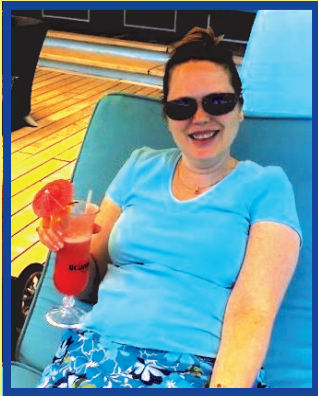
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Continuation from Racey Tracey's Social Events

A couple options for island music...

- October 16 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 8-11:30p
- October 17 - Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5-11:30p
- October 18 - Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 4-11:30p
- October 18 – Pirates Over 40 (trio) – Hoops Sports Bar & Grill, Hebron, IL, 9p
- October 18 - NIPHC Road Rally, Registration 11:30a – 1p, 1491 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, \$10 per car with all proceeds benefitting Carpenter's Place
- November 15 – Pirates Over 40, Dock's Bar & Grill, Wauconda



Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

We all survived our pub crawl around the world and a great time was had by all! Now time for pumpkins, and ghosts and to start thinking about that turkey next month. Here are some other things to put on your calendars!

Cocobowl - November 15, 7:30p, Fox Bowl, Wheaton.

Benefitting "I Am Who I Am" celebrating acceptance through awareness.

- \$25 for Chicago Parrothead Club Members thru October 31
- \$30 for non-club members (and club members after 10/31)
- Non-bowlers deduct \$10 from the listed price

Price includes: Pizza and pasta buffet, shoe rental, and 3 games of Scotch Doubles bowling.

Drinks at 7:30 in the bar area, followed by food, and then when leagues end, we will begin lane decorating and Cosmic Bowling with Jimmy and other Trop Rock music playing on the speakers. Tropical attire and lane decorating are encouraged. There will be 50/50 and raffles with all proceeds going to I Am Who I Am (www.iam-whoiam.com). See Kristin or any Crew member to sign up.

Upcoming Road Trip opportunities –

Milwaukee Area Parrothead Association Winter Luau and Toys for Tots Toyraiser – December 6

Some members have expressed interest in getting a group together and reserving a table to save a little. Tickets are \$30 per person and a table for 8 is \$200 (thru 11/14), saving \$5 per person. Price included the party and dinner buffet. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. For more info, visit www.milwaukeeparrotheads.com

Southern Drawl House Party (sponsored by Quad City Parrot Head Club) – December 5, 6p

Plumber & Pipe Fitters Hall, 4600 46th Ave, Rock Island, IL. BYOB and a dish to share. \$15 at the door.

Music on the Bay – Tampa, FL, February 26-March 1, 2015

Go to www.MusicOnTheBay.org for details, room information (PH rates through 2/1/15) and to register. All charitable contributions will benefit Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



It was a great day on Sunday, September 28, 2014 for both The Chicago Parrot Head Club and Alzheimer's. We walked 3.5 miles along the lake and raised \$18,635.00!!!! Money is still coming in as we receive matching funds from gift matching companies. If anyone still wants to donate money to the walk they can until December. This amount is an all time high for our Club. We are again number one in our Parrot Head Nation. We also have many Super Stars in our group, Matt Goetz #4 with \$2,160.00, Sharon Klupar #15 with \$690.00, Vince and Alina Stevens #19 with \$515.00 and me at #2 at \$5,810.00. Our Club will be receiving an award from PHIP at MOTM 2014 for our 2013 efforts for the fight against Alzheimer's. This award will be given to us at the General meeting on Saturday in Key West. If you are attending MOTM, please make every effort to be there to help us accept our award. This is also the same general meeting when the Golden Coconut Award is given at 10:00 AM in the Casa. We want our entire Club there as "it is our year" according to Bob Brogan.

MOTM 2014 registration is closed, sort of. This year, you can register for MOTM after the deadline for a higher fee (\$60.00) and you will not receive a tee-shirt or goodie bag. If anyone needs more information on this, let me know. I checked PHIP web site and nothing was on there as of October 10th.

I passed a sheet around at the last meeting for those attending MOTM 2014. The purpose of this sheet is to collect cell phone and information on where everyone is staying while on the island so that we can put all the information in one place so people can find each other. If you did not see the list come around or were not at meeting, please contact me so that I can add your information to our group of MOTM travelers.



I am also looking for items to put in the "Chicago Basket" for the raffle at MOTM. Proceeds of this raffle go to the many charities we help. As I have said, I cannot ship alcohol down to Key West but we can ship anything else. I will buy the booze to add to the basket in Key West. I want to thank all the members that have given money towards booze which will surely make our Chicago Basket a big success.

Sincerely,
 Bob Noonan
 Charity Director
 Board Member of Greater Illinois Chapter of Alzheimer's Association

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy Halloween Parrotheads



As I sit writing this I find myself watching the leaves turn color and all from the trees. How does summer and warm weather go by sooooo fast?

I want to give a big Thanks to the members that have already paid their dues. Sure does make my job a lot easier. If you have forgotten your dues please get it to us as soon as possible.

Now on a Membership note if have friends that wonder what we are all about have them join us at a meeting or a social or they can contact me at: Vicki@chicagoparrotheads.com we love to have new peeps join in the fun.

Also if any of your personal info has changed in the last year let me know so we can keep you in touch.



Last month I missed: Randy Stephens 10/10 Roger Bert 10/12

Happy Birthday to:

Jean Motal	10/17	Tom Thompson	11/3
Bob Dunbar	10/22	Linda McLaughlin	11/10
Theresa McGing	10/25	Laura Hajec	11/11
Kathy Tanton	10/28	Larry Eichelberger	11/12
Doreen Warner	10/30	Chris Bullock	11/13
		Karen Boylan	11/14
		Mike Klaus	11/14

Have a spooky month and hope to see you on the island!



Vicki Kerr
Your Membership Diva



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Bills' Nautical Superstitions: Harbingers of Doom

- *Flowers are for funerals, and therefore weren't welcomed aboard ship.*
 - *If somebody's sweetheart brought some aboard as a bon voyage gift, they were quickly thrown overboard.*
 - *Clergy weren't welcomed either, for the same connection with funerals, but they weren't tossed off the ship.*
 - *Sharks following a ship were thought to be a portent of death.*
- *If somebody died aboard ship, the body was tossed overboard with an appropriate ceremony for burial at sea. Usually the sailmaker would make a shroud and sew the body in, making the last stitch through the victim's nose. This was the final assurance that they were indeed dead, assuming the needle would elicit a scream of pain from an unconscious or near-dead victim. It was considered bad luck to keep a corpse on board, and in the days before adequate refrigeration, the reason was more than mere superstition. By the same token, an empty coffin on board meant that a member of the ship's crew would eventually be filling it.*
- *Sailors had a fatalistic view of drowning. Most of them couldn't swim, so even bathing in the ocean was considered a dangerous temptation of fate. The object of survival was staying out of the water, so nobody went in unnecessarily. If someone fell overboard, they might not even be thrown a rope because of the belief that their death was already preordained. "What the sea wants, the sea will have," was a fatalistic belief. Besides, a sacrifice to the sea gods might placate them so no more of the crew would follow.*
- *The ringing of bells is also associated with funerals, so sounds mimicking bells were thought to forecast death. The ringing of a wine glass was such a sound, and had to be stopped before its reverberation ended. Ship's bells were exempted from this superstition, because they signaled time and the changing of watch duties. But if they rang of their own accord, as in a storm, somebody was going to die.*
- *The tides were thought to have an effect on death. If someone was gravely ill or wounded, death would come on ebb tide, as though life were ebbing away.*
- *A Jonah was a person or a ship or anything that brought bad luck. The name, of course, originates from the biblical tale of Jonah, a prophet who was sent by God to the sinful city of Nineveh to try to restore order. He chickened out and boarded a ship headed in the opposite direction. A series of violent storms attacked the ship, and when the crew discovered Jonah's deceit, they threw him overboard and he was swallowed by a "great fish," which has come to mean a whale. The storms abated, and after a couple of days, the whale regurgitated Jonah and he was rescued. Having learned his lesson, he immediately headed for Nineveh to carry out his mission. A Jonah could be a sailor whose last ship had bad luck, an unlucky ship, or even an unlucky object like a black valise. The offending person or object would be sent off the ship at the first opportunity.*
 - *Birds were thought to carry the souls of dead sailors.*
- *Killing a dolphin, a gull, or an albatross brings bad luck. The albatross story was immortalized in Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," in which a sailor killed the bird and was dogged by tragedy and misfortune.*
- *Stepping aboard a ship with your left foot first, or losing a bucket overboard, or seeing rats leaving the ship brings bad luck.*
- *It is lucky to have tattoos, to have a black cat on board, to throw a pair of old shoes overboard, and to have a child born on the ship (which conflicts with the prohibitions against women).*
- *The words "drown" and "pig" were bad luck. So was swearing while fishing. A hatch or a basin placed upside down represented a sinking ship. And dropping a hatch into the hold meant even worse misfortune.*
- *Davey Jones' Locker was the mariner's version of hell where the devil held sway among sunken ships, souls of dead sailors, and anything that fell overboard. Davey's surname is thought to be a corruption of Jonah. Fiddler's Green, also located beneath the sea, was a sailor's heaven where winsome, willing wenches danced to merry fiddlers' tunes while grog and beer flowed freely from bottomless jugs.*



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

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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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