



Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

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One hundred seventh entry: October 18, 2017

The ships be in port and a full moon was in the air. The crews checked the decks for black cats and women aboard (a sure sign o bad luck!). All hands be goin ashore for some revelry during all hallow's eve, and then many are securing passage down the Keys. All the pirates be gathering to celebrate together, a meeting of the minds, if you will. I hope they got the proper clothing for the street fest. We be givin and playin to support the islands we know and love hit hard by the hurricanes. Such squalls can't keep us away! Safe travels and fare thee well. Let's help our buccaneers in need and enjoy our travels. I will be seeing many of our shipmates in Key West! And then we set sail again upon our return! Until then, we raise a flagon to those that cannot be with us, and until we see each other again!



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King

Mermaids and mermen

Mermaids usually are considered lucky, but not universally. In Trinidad and Tobago, sea-dwelling mer-men "were known to grant a wish, transform mediocrity into genius and confer wealth and power."

Mermaids appear in British folklore as unlucky omens, both foretelling disaster and provoking it. Several variants of the ballad Sir Patrick Spens depict a mermaid speaking to the doomed ships. In some versions, she tells them they will never see land again; in others, she claims they are near shore, which they are wise enough to know means the same thing. Mermaids can also be a sign of approaching rough weather, and some have been described as monstrous in size, up to 2,000 feet (610 m).

Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Little Mermaid" was published in 1837. The story was adapted into a Disney film with a bowdlerized plot. In the original version, The Little Mermaid is the youngest daughter of a sea king who lives at the bottom of the sea. To pursue a prince with whom she has fallen in love, the mermaid gets a sea witch to give her legs and agrees to give up her tongue in return. Though she is found on the beach by the prince, he marries another. Told she must stab the prince in the heart to return to her sisters, she can't do it out of love for him. She then rises from the ocean and sees ethereal beings around her who explain that mermaids who do good deeds become daughters of the air, and after 300 years of good service they can earn a human soul. A world-famous statue of the Little Mermaid, based on Andersen's fairy tale, has been in Copenhagen, Denmark since August 1913, with copies in 13 other locations around the world.

Sailors would look for mermaid's purses on beaches for signs of mermaids in the area.

MOTM 2017



Social Navigators

Yo-Ho Cheryl & Flip Flop Dave

Summertime...

And the livin' is easy..

Party with a Purpose

Chicago Parrothead Events:



October 21st: Pirates of the Canal Pirate Crawl Downtown Lemont. 7 P.M.

This is a CHARITY crawl where each bar on the list is donating proceeds to a charity. Charities include St. Judes' Children Hospital, The Wounded Warrior Project, Toys for Tots and others. Come enjoy drinks and help raise \$ Booty \$ for the eight different charities... where the real treasure is your generosity. Costumes are required of ye be walking the plank. We be drinking at 7pm sharp!! Tardiness is an act of mutiny and will not be tolerated.

October 28th: Halloween Day Crawl in River North. 11 A.M.- 6.M.

The ghouls and goblins wait until nighttime to come out, but the smart ones among us know that the real fun begins much earlier in the day! Kick off your Halloween weekend on Saturday by heading out for an afternoon of day drinking in River North. Put on your best costume and hit up some of River North's best clubs and bars from late morning until nearly twilight! WHAT'S INCLUDED: Brunch buffet, gift cards to use on the crawl, costume contests, giveaways & MORE! WHERE: River North's Best Bars. More information available online.

November 11th: Margaritaville the Musical. 2 P.M.

For those who have purchased tickets, the show is at the Oriental Theater. We will most likely be meeting up before/after the show, so stay tuned for details!

November 18th: Operation Stocking Stuffing for the Troops. 9-11 A.M.

We will again be stuffing stockings for the troops. Mary Andrus is heading this up for us. (Thanks Mary!) No children under 13 are permitted at this event. If you are interested, contact Mary to see if there is still room left for this event. Location TBA.

November 19th: 2017 Christmas Tree Decorating at Brookfield Zoo. 10 A.M.

Once again we will be decorating our Christmas tree at the zoo, and it was voted on to once again go with BIG TREE! This is a donation supporting the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Zoological Society, so we will have a limited number of parking and entry passes to hand out at the November club meeting (if you have passes, please use them, carpool, and spread the wealth so we get everyone in free!), and then..... tastelessly decorate our tree!

It gets the most looks every year! Tree decorating starts at 10:00 am sharp on November 19!

Watch for details on a decoration making party and/or at the meeting!

THEN.....off to catch the Bears game (or just be social) at Irish Times.

December 10th: 3rd Annual Parrothead Christmas Luncheon at White Fence Farm.

We will have our own room with some live holiday music by Flip Flop Dave, great food, games, and great friends! Family style food along with the main courses and their specialty chicken...and of course cocktails! The Original White Fence Farm 1376 Joliet Road Romeoville, Illinois 60446. Organized by Renee Fliss....more details to come, contact is 815-341-8913 or Rfliss@att.net to get on the RSVP list!

Not Official Parrot Head Events, but Fun Stuff

Local Music

Todd Donnelly

Oct 21 - Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, IL
Oct 22 - Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, IL

Flip Flop Dave

Nov 9 - Jimmy Buffett Night at Red Arrow Tap Room, Elmhurst, IL

Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band

Nov 4 - Beach Bums and Brew! Nevin's Brewing Company, Plainfield, IL

Mr. Myers

No dates Listed

South of Disorder

No dates Listed

Pirates Over 40

No Dates Listed

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



CALLING ALL PARROTHEADS TO RENREW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

September was renewal month. So if you don't want a visit from your friendly membership director... You can renew your membership:

- on line at chicagoparrotheads.com using PayPal, or
- mail it to the Chicago Parrothead Club P. O. Box 624 Franklin Park IL 60131, or
- come and join us at or meeting/social this Wednesday and put it in my hot hands.



Join us and bring a friend or family member that you think would love to join in the parrothead fun.

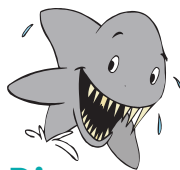


A big shout out to those "growing old but not up" (yet) a very Happy Birthday

Bob Dunbar	October 22	Tom Tompson	November 3
Heather Richie	October 22	Theresa Mikalian	November 5
Maura Seidel	October 24	Laura Hajec	November 7
Kathy Tanton	October 28	Debbie Jordan	November 8
Doreen Robbins	October 30	Art Marek	November 9
Anna Michell	October 31	Linda McLaughlin	November 10
		Larry Eichelberger	November 12
		Jason Siegel	November 12
		Chris Goetz	November 13
		Karen Boylan	November 14

Raise your "Tin Cup Chalice" and toast to your next trip around the sun.

Vicki Kerr



Membership Diva
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The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



This year's Chicago Alzheimer's Walk was a huge success. The Chicago Club raised \$19,810 and this puts the Chicago Club in the number two position within PHIP. Parrot Heads nationwide raised \$198,815 and we still have walks around the country coming up. I would also like to point out that Cheryl Kuropas and Michael Scelonge are ranked number four (#4) as individuals in the Parrot Head World in raising funds to fight this disease. Again, Chicago great job and I am very proud to be part of the Chicago Parrot Head Club!

KEY WEST – MOTM November 1-5, 2017

Registration for MOTM closed on September 15, 2017, but you can still register because this year, PHIP is doing on-site registration. Go to <https://www.phip.com/meeting-guidelines> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Our Club currently is sending 39 members to MOTM 2017 – great representation for Chicago. I have checked and all members registered are in good standing with the Club; means you paid your dues – Thank You. We donate a basket each year at MOTM that is raffled off to raise money for PHIP, Lone Palm and other charities in and around Key West. **I need donations for the Key West basket.**

Donations of Chicago or Tropical/Buffett type items are always appreciated. If you choose to donate money, I will use it to purchase liquor for the basket in Key West, as we are unable to ship liquor to the Island.

As always, I will be putting together a loose schedule of events on the Island for our Club. I will need the attending members to forward me the following information:
Contact information – email and cell phone. These numbers only will be used for sending updates before and while on the Island.

Baking Day At Misericordia

I am working with Misericordia to schedule working in the bakery for our Club. I am looking at the morning of November 18th, 25th, or December 2nd. I will let the Club know when a date is confirmed from Misericordia. This event fills fast and it's open to only Club members at this time.

Bob Noonan (AKA—Mayor of MOTM)
Charity Director, Chicago Parrot Head Club
Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter



Renee Fliss-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
CPHC, PO Box 624, Franklin Park, IL. 60131

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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