



September 2014

Chicago Parrot Head News

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From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook
Seventieth Entry: September 17, 2014

The weather be getting blustery, and ye can take it with ye! But as the winds shift into a new season, we find ourselves with a few wee chores to handle! Besides swabbing the deck, tightening the yardarms, and mending the sails....it be time to make yer mark. Either go ashore and stay ashore, or join us again for another year of adventure! We be bringing on the proper Crew to steer us true, and signing all ye back on. We be heading up into the wind, and preparing for the downwind run through some charitable waters, but filled generously with laughter and full flagons! Welcome back to the Chicago fleet swabbies. This year will be better than ever!

Bloody Bill
The Pirate King



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

Bills' Nautical Origins! "Let the Cat Out of the Bag"

A sailor found drunk on board was ordered to fashion a cat-o-nine tails or "make a rod for his own back", which would then be kept in a leather bag. When sailors "let the cat out of the bag" they were in for misfortune, usually on Blue Monday (traditionally the day for handing out brutal punishments of the Royal Navy. There was a superstition that evil would befall the ship if the treatment was not delivered on Mondays. Ever hear of having the blues?). The Royal Navy's cat-o-nine tails was kept in a red baize bag, and not removed until the offender was safely secured to the gratings and there was no possibility of reprieve, so "the secret was out." Authority to use the cat was not removed from the Naval Discipline Act until March 29, 1949!

A couple other options for island music... (cont from Social page)

September 26 – Mr. Myers (trio), Twisted Q Listening Room, Homewood, IL, 8-10p

September 27 – Todd Donnelly, The Crazy Toucan, Key Lime Cove, Gurnee, 6-10p

September 27 – Pirates Over 40, Cary Main Street Festival Cary, IL 6:15-7:15p

September 28 – Todd Donnelly, Pier 290, Williams Bay, WI, 2-6p

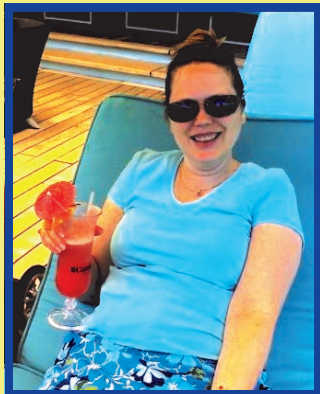
October 5 – Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band, Lakefront Park, Fox Lake, 11a

October 10 - Todd Donnelly, Prairie State Winery, Genoa, 7-9p

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



Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

Fall has arrived, which means we switch gears a little bit. Even though we have to dig out the long sleeves doesn't mean the party has to stop...just move it indoors for a while.

September 20 – Island Fever Phlocking, Isle of Iowa – The Iowa Parrotheads came out in force to Party in Parrotidise, so let's show them some love at their event benefitting Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Operation Backpack. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 day of event) and can be purchased at www.islandfeverphlocking.com. Special room rates are available at the Coralville Marriott – 319-688-4000. Ask for the Isle of Iowa rate. Event tickets include access to Friday night pre-party and Saturday morning Bloody Mary Bar!

September 28 – Alzheimer's Walk and Trader Todd's – After a leisurely stroll around Montrose Harbor, catch the Tiki Transit over to Trader Todd's to watch the Bears beat the Packers. They always have great drink specials for us and we expect a large crowd, so don't be surprised if some in the group cut their walk a little short to get the party started.

October 4 – Return of Far Side of the World Pub Crawl – We had so much fun at our 20th anniversary party, that we're going to do it all again! Be prepared to get your passports stamped as we drink our way around the world. Plan to meet at the grassy area in front of Hofbrauhaus between 12:30 and 12:45 to pick up your passport and we'll start the crawl at 1:00. Itinerary includes Hofbrauhaus (Germany), Five Roses (Ireland), Adobe Gilas (Mexico), Park Tavern (England) and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar (USA). We'll spend one hour at each location followed for a 2 hour break for dinner, naps, refresh time, etc, and then meet back up at 8:00 at the RETRO bar at Kings Bowling Alley. For those feeling brave, head over to Disturbia Screams Haunted House next door in the lower level of the parking garage. You can get advance tickets at <http://www.disturbiascreams.com> or watch Groupon/Living Social for deals. After all that fun, the night is yours to choose what to do... split up, stay together, even back to the hotel bar! Oktoberfest is in full swing, and there is a band at 9:30 at Toby Keiths, and Zanies has comedian Michael Palascak!

Sunday morning, head back to Five Roses Pub for "It's Just a Bloody Beary Sunday". Five Roses opens for Irish breakfast brunch at 11 a.m. followed by the Bears game on the big screen at noon.

Discount room rates are available at ALOFT which is connected to the venue. Use this link for reservations <http://www.aloftchicagoohare.com/>

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



Wow, what a day at Misericordia Family Fest 2014!!!! The weather was beautiful, the beer was cold and the music was great. Both Misericordia and Budweiser representatives came up to me personally thanking us for all the help we provided. I cannot express my sincere thanks to all the Parrot Heads for the extraordinary help provided at Misericordia Family Fest. We are all going to Heaven for sure.

It's Walk Time again. Yes the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" is being held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Montrose Harbor in Chicago. Our Chicago team has already raised over \$10,000.00 and we are currently number two in the Parrot Head nation. Let's put some extra muscle into our efforts and get Chicago Parrot Heads to number one again! The walk is less than 2 weeks away so we still have plenty of time to raise additional money and awareness of this terrible disease.

If you are already on the team, I thank you for all your efforts. We have many members on our team who have raised funds putting them in the top 15 Parrot Heads in the nation!!!! If you have not joined our team there is still time. If you don't have the time to walk, contribute to a team member or to our team, every little bit helps.

Time is running out to Register for MOTM 2014. The deadline is 11:59 PM on September 30th, no exceptions!!!!!! We have a large group of members going again this year. We are in need of donations for the Chicago Charity Basket we donate to the raffle in Key West. Please bring any donations to the October meeting. We cannot ship booze; we buy it down there, so if you want to contribute cash, works well too. We will be having a short meeting after our regular meeting to talk about MOTM, any and all ideas are welcome.

I am currently working on a Baking Date at Misericordia for end of November. I promise not to have it on a Monday again, stay tuned for more information.

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

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy August



Hey who turned off the heat? Is it just me or do all of you feel the cold weather moving in at a rapid pace with the exception of our phreinds that live in the south, west and the traveling parrotheads. Luckily for us the club has exciting things planned to do for the colder months that will be inside with only thing cold should be the drinks.

September is renewal of membership for all club members so please get your dues in as soon as possible.

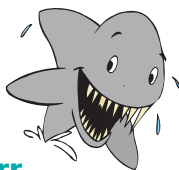


Please remember to let me know if any of your info has changed.

Happy Birthday to:

Vince Stevens	September 17	Chrissy Badskey	October 1
Brian Kautz	September 17	Bill Block	October 2
Vicki Boucher	September 23	Carol Eichelberger	October 7
Colleen Smith	September 26	Denise Sifnotis	October 7
Rene Picha	September 26	Carl Hajec	October 9
Sherrie Atkins	September 27	Cyndie Kautz	October 13
Sharon Smith	September 27	Aymee Zimmerman	October 14
Roxy Sheridan	September 29	Debbie Stefan	October 14
Dee Tropp	September 29		

Hope you all have a great day!



Vicki Kerr
Your Membership Diva



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Upcoming Club Events!

Alzheimer's Walk, Sunday Sept 12th

**Return of Far Side of the World Pub Crawl,
Saturday Sept 4th**

**Meeting of the Minds-Key West,
Wednesday Oct 29th - Sunday Nov 2nd**

**Cocobowl - for "I Am Who I Am",
Saturday Nov 15th**

**Tree Ornament Making,
Wednesday Nov 19th club meeting**

**Misericordia Baking Days
(sometime in November)**

**Brookfield Zoo Tree and Scavenger Hunt,
Sunday Nov 23rd**



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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