

The Off-Beaten Path



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From the Captains Chair



Bob Noonan

As I begin 2008 as President of the Chicago Parrot Head Club, I thought it a good idea to more formally introduce myself and to take a look back at the good times with my fellow parrot head members.

Me first, I grew up at 87th & California in Chicago the son of a Chicago policeman and homemaker. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the first in my family to attend college. I worked in sales for 15 years, and in 1992 I changed career paths and stayed home with my kids. My wife, Vicki, and I will be married 28 years in May and we live in the city with our sons, Dan age 20 and Matt age 18. My commitments are more flexible now as 2 of my bosses currently reside at the University of Illinois in Champaign, and I sleep with the other.

As to the club, I would like to thank all the Captain and Crew before me that have kept this ship on course. As the new President, my primary goal will be to get to know and connect with each member of the club more thoroughly. I joined the club in 2003, and when I say I joined the club, I simply paid my dues. It was not until the fall of 2004 that I actually attended a meeting. I guess I felt the club was just a social outlet, and that any of the heavy lifting would be performed by the Crew; I was just a casual observer. I did however read the newsletters and enjoyed reading about all the great charity and social events the club sponsored, yet I continued to observe from the sidelines. Today, I am in with both feet and am committed to getting each

member of the club "off the sidelines" and active at some level in the Chicago Parrot Head Club. Whether you just sell 50/50 tickets at a club meeting or chair the committee to put on Coco Bowl, the club is nothing without the involvement of its members. This is our club, and we need everyone's help to insure it is here for many more years to come.

I look forward to getting more involved in day to day club operations and to moving the club in a forward direction. I look forward to your comments, great ideas and constructive criticism. I am available 24 hours a day at Bob@ChicagoParrotHeads.com

Fins up,

Bob

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SURRENDER THE BOOTY!!!!

Margaritaville Foods (the Shrimp and Chicken group) has some booty, and it is available for plunder! AARRGGHH!
** Please understand that this contest is available ONLY at the club level. It is NOT available for anyone to enter on an individual basis. ** So you guessed it - we need to work together in order to succeed!!
Clip and collect Margaritaville Shrimp and Chicken proofs of purchase. Encourage friends and family to get it on it too! Collect as many Margaritaville Foods proofs of purchase as you can, and bring the proofs of purchase to our club meetings! We will be collecting them through the December, 2008 meeting! So we have a FULL YEAR to try getting our hands on parts of this incredible (dare I say it?) BOOTY!
These prizes would make an incredible addition to the Silent Auctions and Raffles that we hold throughout the year! Each month, a club in the contest is chosen at random to win a framed and matted Jimmy Buffett album. To the three clubs that collect the most proofs of purchase over the year - a Margaritaville Party Cooler, a Frozen Concoction Maker, or a trip to see Jimmy Buffett in Las Vegas in 2009!!
So as you are thinking about the items you will take to a Holiday Potluck? or what you will serve at a party?
Or what you will make for dinner tonight? Remember...Margaritaville Shrimp and Chicken have wonderful options. And it may help us win some BOOTY!!!

COCOBOWL

CocoBow! Our club's biggest charity and social event! Here is the first glimpse that Spring is on the horizon!! Coconut Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008!

Join us at the Hotel Indigo - Palatine for our annual pool party, followed by the migration to the Brunswick Lanes in Palatine for hours of fun that is not to be missed! .

The Southern Wisconsin Parrothead Club/Loyal Order of the Caribbean Soul will be hosting our 14th annual "I Shot Six Holes in My Freezer" fundraising party on Saturday February 2, 2008. Details can be found at: www.locs-buffett.org

NIPHC ISLAND BEACH BASH A good way to end February on the 23rd (Sat) for our 8th Annual Island Beach Bash. We're at a new location this year (right near the hotels off of I-90 State St. Exit). All information regarding our event can be found at: www.islandbeachbash.com ... including the new online purchasing of event tickets via a credit card or Pay Pal account.

We all need a little break from the doldrums of winter. The Beach Bum Band wants to give you that break... FOR FREE!!!

They are hosting a FREE winter luau complete with limbo contests, boat drinks and steel drums right at Joe's Bar on Weed St. It's summer in the city right in the middle of January. Let's make this the very first and the biggest Winter Luau this side of Hawaii!

Invite everyone and anyone you can!

Below is the link for your RSVP we can get a head count. Just click on there and let's get the party started! The RSVP will route you to the Chicago Sports and Social Club's website. But we have been asked to help to kick it up a notch!! <http://www.chicagosocial.com/events/view/52>

Friday, January 25th Joe's Bar- 940 W Weed St, Chicago, IL Please contact Barb if you have any questions

The Annual "BLARNEY CROSSTOWN CLASSIC MINI GOLF CRAWL" is back! We are signing up teams of 4 for this great event. This is a pub crawl and mini golf tournament. It will include your favorite chain of lakes bars Port of Blarney, Captains Quarters, Fairmont Shores, Kross Inn. It will be played and scored just like real mini golf with a 10 stroke max per hole. The only difference will be that it's beer in hand (or cocktail) mini golf. Call the Port 847-395-4122 and talk to Scuba.

THE COLUMBIA YAHT CLUB 111 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601

Our very own Captain Ron and Admiral Sharon have invited us to their Yacht Club's season Opening Party with Eric Stone. Please make sure you RSVP IF YOU ARE ATTENDING so they can make the proper arrangements for us to attend. There will be no cost to enter, and there is usually no cash tendered, however credit cards will be accepted for the buffet, and bar drinks which are typical Chicago prices. Eating and drinking are your choices to make. You can come and enjoy the lakefront, club, music and our membership and friends at no charge. Please RSVP if you ARE COMING to me, and I will try to accommodate us in one area. You can respond to Capt. Ron's email caribbeanspirit@comcast.net or leave a voice mail on his cell: 708 204 2222.



Billy Brehm

Didja ever peek out yer spyglass at the other ships sailing the Midwest region? I mean, other great ones like Northern Illinois PHC, Eastern Illinois, Central Illinois, etc, etc? And think, wow, they have fun, but WE do a LOT OF STUFF!!! Savvy? No, ye can't do it all, but we be striving to provide a Port of Indecision, Southeast of Disorder so ye always have someplace to go and call home, if even fer a little while before getting back to the doldrums of day to day stuff. Until then.....look at what is coming on the horizon!

On Feb. 10th. In Des Plaines, Illinois

The Des Plaines "Cheeseburger in Paradise", Elk grove Fire Fighters, Margaritaville Fire Dept. Are have a fund raiser for the IFSA Children Burn Camp "I am Me" to help get funds for the Camp next June.

More information on the camp can be found at http://www.ifsa.org/Burn_Camp/index.html

Tickets are \$20.00ea. Free food, entertainment, and cash bar.

Social Disturbances By: **Bloody Bill** ex charity captain, now in charge of "what should we do now?" stuff, again)

Kick Off the Month Happy Hour! February 1st, Finn McCools! No, not the new one on Elmhurst....yet! But the one in Schaumburg! Right in the area of 90, Algonquin Road, Rte. 53, and Meachum. Come on out and enjoy a couple pints and see what our old home may soon resemble in our traditional Kick Off the Month fashion! Finn McCools Irish Sports Pub, 1941 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg, IL. 60173 (847.303.5100).

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December 27th! 20 degrees and the Hockey game WAS on! In case you missed it, quick update! 50 Parrotheads showed up to scream and shout every time our name popped up on the big scoreboard and watch our Chicago Wolves beat the Rockford Icehogs in overtime thrilling fashion! So much beer and fighting and people knocked out, noise, yelling, fireworks and flames! Sounds more like a night at LaFitte's than a hockey game!!!

Where are they now??? Winter seems to have frozen the lakes again, but our favorite tropical Buffett type bands are still around and past break time! Watch the calendar for dates and times, and we will keep rolling them out, while designating a few as actual club socials here and there! ALL bands you have asked me to watch are listed. If you don't see them, they aren't performing or I don't know about them!!!

And in March, well, what could be better than kicking off the month in the same Hotel and bar as **COCOBOWL (which is on March 1st in case no one told ye)!!!!** Yes, we will be there on **February 29th**, and we are working our peglegs to the nub on some great entertainment that night! Stay tuned Ye merry band of drunkards, more to come on this.....

Against what ye may have heard, **One Particular Tuesday just keeps on keepin' on!** Start Time: 6:30 PM. Every second Tuesday of every month, sail down to Happy Hour at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downer's Grove to see our favorite balladeer Frank Whiting perform those Buffett tunes that put wind in yer sails! Don't miss the sea of flashing lite slices and our own backup singers for Frank! Don't miss the fun!

Glass Painting-Part Deux! Sunday, January 20th, the Motals are hosting our second glass painting party! We will be hand painting margarita and wine glasses to auction, raffle, and sell at future Parrothead events. No need to be an artist...the patterns are relatively simple to copy. There will be painting, football, food and lots of laughter to be had. And, if you just don't see yourself as a budding artist but maybe dress like one, perhaps you want join us anyway and donate an extra glass or two you might have laying around your kitchen! Here's the details: The Motal Estate... 7812 Bristol Park Drive, Tinley Park (708) 633-7812 Time: 1:00 pm. What to bring....BYOB. Please RSVP to Jean by January 13th if you are planning to attend.

Check the calendar at Chicagoparrotheads.com for all the upcoming out of state and nearby club events! More seem to be coming every day: Pardi-gras in New Orleans in january, Havana Daydreamin in the Quad cities in February, Mr. Myer's Cruise to Grand Turk, Landshark Lager Roll Out Party:EIPHC, and NIPHC

Well lads, it be getting late, and ye need to be getting a taste of yer umble pie for strength for the morn and I be hungry meself. We got a lot on our plates and exciting twists and turns coming our way. Be prepared me hearties, thar may be too much fer some of ye sissy boys to handle! I dare ye to keep up, who will be last man standing I wonder? (note: were ye asking yerself what in Neptunes Beard is umble pie? AHA! Another installment of Bloody Bill's worthless pirate trivia! Uumble pie, or as it relates nowadays, HUMBLE pie, originated from the term "umble" which is the intestines of a deer. The Master ate pie made with venison, muscle meat, while the servants ate....you guessed it.....umble pie. Enjoy!)

Charity News aka: Good deeds for the day:



Kurt Rubin
The Good Deeds Guy

Don't forget

We are still collecting pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House, plus cell phones and toiletries for various charities. And as always, we welcome any suggestions on new charities and future charity events.

Clothing Drive

The weather was cold but the donations were bold! Thanks to everyone who took the time this busy holiday season to help out with this cause. And a huge fins up to Jim Whaley who not only camped out in the cold collecting your donations, but then delivered them to those in need.

Food Drive

January is traditionally the time when the cubbords at the local food banks are at their lowest. So we traditionally hold our annual food drive the same month. Makes sense. So once again, Jim will be outside collecting your non-perishable items to be delivered to the Northern Illinois Food Depository. So if you're reading this at the meeting tonight, buy him a nice warm drink when he finally comes in.

Cocobowl; A Call for Volunteers

And speaking of future charity events, we happen to have one right around the corner. Cocobowl is less than 2 months away and this thing doesn't exactly run itself. We need volunteers to make it work. We need help with setting up and clean up at both the pool party and bowling alley. Not to mention help with the various odds and ends that go into making Cocobowl a success. So if you would like to pitch in, please contact any crew member and let them know what you would like to help with.

Oh Yeah! I'm looking forward to defending my "Last Man Standing" title

We are also in need of: donations for the raffles and auction. We are looking for things like bottles of booze, booze gift sets, cases of beer or gift cards. In addition, we are also looking for donations of professional services. If it's something you would bid on or buy a raffle ticket for, we want it! Please bring all donations to the February meeting if possible. It makes the crew's job a lot easier.

Special Olympics

What a great way to start your spring. And it's never too early to start thinking about spring. Last year was our first time volunteering our time to Special Olympics and the turn out was great! But let's see if we can do better this year. On Sunday, April 27th, (Times to be announced) we will be heading to North Central College in Naperville. We will be assisting with the medal ceremonies and other tasks as needed. So save the date. It's the weekend AFTER Party-In-Parrottdise. So contact me Kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com or see me at the meetings to get signed up. Lunch will be provided and happy hour to follow.



Come on out and meet your new crew:

President: Bob Noonan
Membership/Secretary: Barb Popescu
Treasurer: Donna Perry
Social Director: Billy Brehm
Charity Director: Kurt Rubin
Member at Large: Mike Rafone Erickson
Member at Large/Communications: Jean Motal
We are looking forward to a great year Partying with a Purpose!

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- www.cheesburgerinparadise.com
- www.margaritaville.com
- www.blarneyisland.com
- www.phip.com
- www.mrmyers.com
- www.piratesover40.com
- www.beachbumband.com
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- www.southofdisorder.com
- www.localfavoriteband.com
- www.frankpaul.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 01/17 Jennifer Perkins
- 01/23 Matt Bresnahan;
- Susi O'Neil
- 01/28 Darla Bartmess
- 02/02 Tiffany Biros; Joe Doyle
- 02/06 Michael Hardesty
- 02/07 Mary Kamka;
- Lawrence Karns
- 02/08 Ron Danko
- 02/09 Owen Winder
- 02/12 Kevin Marren
- 02/14 Liz Whaley



Donna Perry



Treasurers Report

Happy New Year to All:





I just wanted to let you all know that I have completed the financial report for 2007. It is accurate to the best of my ability in what was given to me. I will have a copy of the report published in the February newsletter according to the by-laws. I also will have a few copies at the next club meeting for anyone who would like to peruse it. On the bright side, we do have a positive cash flow. However, we also have a lot of expenses coming up this month. Not only do we need to expense the newsletter and postage each month, but also the recurrent cost of renting the credit card machine as well as PHiP dues and of coarse the deposits for CocoBowl. I plan to have the checkbook with me at each club meeting so that if any one of you is interested in our current balance and would like to see the expenses occurring, I will have that information available to you. If at anytime you have any questions or concerns about the monies in our account, please feel free to e-mail me at Donna@chicagoparrotheads.com and I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. This is your club and your money, feel free to ask about it at any time. We have a great crew this year and all of us are more than willing to help or get involved in anything you bring to us. I also want to personally thank each and every one of you for your incredible support and encouragement throughout my short time on crew. You are truly a terrific group of people and I am honored you have elected me your treasurer. I promise each of you that I will do my best to keep you informed and keep this club on track financially. Thanks so much for everything, especially your friendship.

Important dates for 2008: Misericordia Candy Day April 26 ** Special Olympics April 27 ** Party in Parrot-Dise April 18-20 ** Duke O'Malley's Fishing Derby, June ** Misericordia Family Fest September 13th ** Misericordia Baking December ** Bob Noonan Birthday June 9th ** Memory Walk September ** MOTM Bar Stools and Beach Chairs October 30-November 2 ** MOTM Sunset Sail October 30.**

A note on **COCOBOWL**: As all of you know, Cocobowl is our club's major fund raiser. As we do every year, we will be having raffles, auctions, give away's, and who know what else. If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle item, please see one of the crew members. If you are a business owner and have service or goods you can donate, it would be a great help for the cause.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Monthly meeting 7:30 Elmhurst Public House. Annual Food Drive	17	18	19 Mr. Myers at Blarney Island Blizzard Beach Bash
20 Painting Party Part Duex. Motal's house, Tinley Park 	21	22	23	24	25 Luau in the City. Joes Bar on Weed Street 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 KOTM Happy Hour Finn McCools Schaumburg	2 Columbia Yacht club Eric Stone Shot 6 holes in my freezer. Madison WI Havana Daydreamin' in the Quad Cities
3	4	5	6	7	8 Landshark Lager Roll Out Party EIPHC	9 Mr. Myers Cruise  Al & Suzi to Tie the Knot
10	11	12 One Particular Tuesday Cheeseburger in Paradise Downers Grove 6:30PM Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 VALENTINES DAY Remember your sweetheart. 	15	16
17 Daytona 500 	18 President's Day	19	20 Monthly meeting 7:30 Elmhurst Public House	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23 NIPHC Island Beach Bash
24	25	26	27	28	29 Start Cocobowl one day early	1 COCO BOWL 

OD TAPO IMI Steel Drum Band

Info & Testimonials



OD TAPO IMI is more than just music, it's a Broadway-style tropical musical review with dancing, singing, drumming and high energy fun! OD TAPO IMI is most definitely a one-of-a-kind show often described as, "Jimmy Buffett meets Blue Man Group."

Steel drums, guitars, assorted percussion, drum set, horns and vocals with four-part harmonies power this exultant, wild musical show/review. Complex layering of sonorous ringing steel drums & boiling percussion grabs you immediately & doesn't let go.

You'll hear "Conga," "Day-O," "Jump in the Line," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Margaritaville" and even "Twist & Shout" with energy, chops and humor. In addition to singing, dancing, steel drums, percussion, horns and guitars, we create an island atmosphere with FX, garden lighting, tropical backdrops, beach balls & market umbrellas.

Here's What People Are Saying about OD TAPO IMI:

Jam Productions: (*World Cup, Nike Town, Farm Aid, Phil Donahue*)
"Thanks for a fantastic set...the feedback has been wonderful...everyone was very happy with the performance... many thanks for helping make this a great night."

Carmel Music & Entertainment: (*Chicago Magazine "Best Of"*) "We had such a good time. You are fabulous! We are always Impressed by your professionalism and the great reviews from our clients. Now we are In awe of your unbelievable talent and enthusiasm. The fun you exude is contagious to all of your audience." Thanks again!

Live Nation: (*Jimmy Buffett*). "They played our opening stage and then entertained our VIPs and were one the best pre-shows we had this tour!"

Milwaukee SummerFest: (*Ringo Starr/Miller VIP Tent*) "...better than perfect! Their flexibility and professionalism has made them a staple for our client's events."

WMGN: "The crowd had no interest in our feature act flown in from California, they came by the thousands to hear OD TAPO IMI...the phone wouldn't stop ringing at the station with eager listeners not wanting to miss their performance."

Taste of Chicago: (*Mayor's Office*) "Your performance is one of the highlights of Taste of Chicago. Your time, talent and energy are appreciated and admired!"

Summer '07 included such highlights as *opening for Jimmy Buffett* and our original music was played on *MTV, VH1, Travel Channel, Discovery Channel, HGTV and A&E's Biography*. OD TAPO IMI's five CDs were produced at Butch Vig's Smart Studios (of Garbage, Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins fame).

Call 630.584.4848 or Email Fun@FunConcert.com today!





Barb Popescu

Membership Renewal and Point Info.

If there is a date next to your name and it matches the date of this newsletter, it's a sign! It's a sign that your membership is due for renewal. Please submit your dues within the next 30 days to keep your membership in good standing. The other number on your label indicates

the number of points you have accumulated for the current year. If you need more information or have a question about points, please see Barb, our Membership Chair.

Dues are \$25.00 for a single member, \$35.00 for a couple or household.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact Barb Popescu.
Barb@chicagoparrotheads.com



Mike "Rafone" Erickson

About Our Club

The Midwest Caribbean Association/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 Mike

For more information, you can write us **MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK IL 60181**

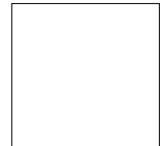
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