



CHICAGO PARROTHEAD CLUB NEWS



Midwest Caribbean Association

Special Points of Interest:

- *Coco Bowl is right around the corner*
- *Party in Parrot Disce just around the corner*
- *MOTM Registration is open, rooms at Casa still available*
- *Make your reservation for SUNSET cruise at MOTM*

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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR



*Bob Noonan
President*

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Don't let the sun fool you – it is still bitter cold in the Windy City. If I could, I would be looking to head to a warm weather destination – flying this bitter snowy climate. For those of you, like me, that are Chicago bound, we have an upcoming event that may be the passport to hot times.

First up, Let's Kick Out February which is the warm up party to Coconut Bowl a/k/a Coco Bowl. Dan Rocco will be performing at Furlongs Friday night, February 29th at 7:00 pm. Furlongs is the bar attached to Hotel Indigo in Palatine.

Next up, Coco Bowl officially starts Saturday, March 1st poolside at Hotel Indigo at 4:00 pm. Poolside is

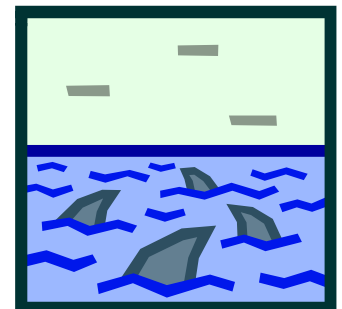
BYOB, no glass please! No food will be provided, but in the past people have brought a dish or two to pass. Frank Whiting will be on hand to perform those Caribbean tunes to get us warmed up along with water games and several 50/50 raffles. Several CREW personnel have advised THONGS UP versus FINS UP. Not sure I like the picture, but the thought should bring a chuckle to all.

The CREW, this year and last, have put many, many hours into making this event a true success. If you have not already signed up to attend, do so now and bring friends – it will definitely be a party to remember.

Not to be a negative Nancy, but if you are not planning to attend Coco Bowl, the CREW would like to know so it can meet the needs of the club membership. Also, the CREW is looking for new charity/social ideas for 2008. Forward any ideas to the CREW on the website.

FINS UP, and look forward to seeing all at Coco Bowl.

Bob Noonan



**Your 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

MARCH EVENTS

Communication: Jean Motal
Musical Event featuring PETER MAYER 3:00 Sunday March 2, 2008
 Immanuel Luthern Church
 5211 Carpenter St, Downers Grove, IL A free Will Offering will be taken at the door. For info 630-881-1238

Pirates over 40 March 8, 2008 8:00
 Cary 26 Education Foundation Benefit. Cary Country Club Cary, IL. Tickets avail. At: www.cary26foundation.org

Columbia Yacht Club March 20, 2008 7:00-10:30
Frank Whiting will be strumming his guitar in the Bar of the Club much as he does at CBIP on Tuesdays. Come early 6ish and have a burger in the bar and sit back and enjoy the spring evening on the lake. Free parking, Free admission. For more details, contact Capt. Ron: caribbeanspirit@comcast.net

Lulu's cookbook on sale
 www.crazysistacooking.com

AND YOU THOUGHT FEBRUARY WAS BORING

February 23rd NIPHC Island Beach Bash
 Pirates over 40 will be there. Benefit Special Olympics.
 www.islandbeachbash.com
 Or www.niphc.com

GONE2PARADISE
 February 23rd 9:30-12:30
 Special Unplugged Performance.
 Cullens Pub 9953 Southwest Highway Oak Lawn IL
 Call for reservations 708-424-7286
 www.frankpaul.com

February 23, Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. Lakeshore Grill Winter Luar 51330 State Rd 19, Elkhart IN. This is the kickoff party for Land-shark Lager and Margaretville Tequila coming to The Lakeshore. He promises to have beer specials, drink specials, and a bunch of giveaways.

February 23rd Todd of Mr. Myers is playing Solo at Cabana Charlies, in Sycamore, IL

February 29 9:00—1:00 Mr. Myers at the Key Wester in Naperville. Rt 59 3 miles south of I 88 This will be your chance to come out and say good buy to Lori Joyce who is moving to Florida.

Mr. Myers/Todd Donnelly
Is performing just about every weekend. Check out his website for details.
 www.mrmyers.com

Blarney Island Crosstown Classic Mini Golf Crawl
 March 22nd BarStool Open, April 5th Players Championship. Registration will be at Port on the day of the event from 12-1 and Tee time will be at 2pm sharp.

LINKS

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

SURRENDER THE BOOTY!!!!
 Margaretville Foods (the Shrimp and Chicken group) has some booty, and it is available for plunder ARRGGHH!
 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.

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



Welcome New Members:

Gloriane & George Bork

Svelta & Robert Stack

We are happy to have you as part to the Chicago Parrot Head Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02/25 Linda Eenigenburg
 03/01 Lynn Roby
 03/02 Kevin Andrews
 03/03 Jeff Siliko,
 03/03 Kurt Rubin
 03/06 Eleanore Skopek
 03/08 John Motal
 03/08 Ray Sanders
 03/13 Roger Cannon
 03/13 Brian Osowski
 3/15 Geary McMahon
 03/17 Laure Dudley
 03/18 Wally Piech
 03/18 Sharon Marek



COCONUT BOWL IS ALMOST HERE



*Don't Forget.....
Costume & Lane
Decoration awards!*

If you have not yet registered your team, It is not too late. If you are alone, do not hesitate to sign up and you will be assigned a team. So don't be shy, come on out and meet new friends.

This is our club's largest event, we start out with the pool party at 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM, there will be a 50/50 raffle for your chance to win some cash, and once again, Frank Whiting will be entertaining us at the pool. If you would like to bring a snack to share, that would be great. Bring your own drinks for the pool party, but PLEASE NO GLASS.

One of a kind glassware will be available in the lobby at the hotel from 3:00—5:00. For those of you who missed out on the glass painting party, here is your chance to purchase not a Rembrandt, or Picasso, but talents of our very own Parrotheads! Your opportunity to purchase one of a kind glass ware will be in the hotel lobby. CASH OR check please.

There will be a shuttle bus from the hotel to the bowling alley, times of departure will be posted. WE ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE PARTY WITH A PURPOSE, please take advantage of the shuttle bus.

We then head over to Brunswick Zone for fun and laughter. The crew has been hard at work getting donations for the raffle as well as the silent auction. You will once again have a chance to win the 50/50 raffle. Speaking of the 50/50, tickets at the bowling alley, tickets will be 1 for 1.00, 6 for 5.00 and "wing span" for 10.00.

There will be three winners. First 50% goes to charity, then 25% to first place, 15% to 2nd place, and 10% to 3rd place.

A Buffett Buffet will be served at the bowling alley. The cost was included in your ticket.

Also, brush up on your Buffett Trivia, there will be a contest!

Mercado will be available:

Blinkies: \$3. each or 2 for \$5
Lime Slices \$6 each or 2 for \$10
Tambourines \$8 each or 2 for \$15
Happy Sharks \$10 each

At the bowling alley, We will be accepting Master Card and Visa with a minimum purchase of \$20.00, there is a 2% per transaction convenience fee.

When is it considered you have had too much fun?



What we are here for:

OUR CHARITIES. The following are the charities that you will be voting for the proceeds of Cocobowl to be donated to. Voting will take place at the bowling alley

- Alzheimer's Association
- Misericordia
- American Cancer Society
- Make a Wish
- Good Samaritan Downers Grove Neo Natal Unit.
- St Jude Children's Hospital

PARTY IN PARROT DISE

Well, just as you thought you could not have any more fun, here is your chance to keep partying with a purpose!

April 18-20, 2008 will be the 5th Annual Party in Parrot Dise held at the new and improved Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. This promises to once again be a weekend not forgotten Join in the fun filled weekend of tropical food, drinks, and as always. Great Music! All dedicated to our Favorite Jimmy Buffett!!!!

PLUS, the Saturday evening event includes a best dressed contest, silent auction, and additional Party in Parrot-Dise Activities.

VIP Package includes Discounted overnight accommodations, Friday night Tiki Party, Saturday Breakfast buffet, Reggae Pool Party, 5 drink coupons per person for Saturday evening. Discounts on buckets of beer and food. Single \$263, Double \$331 Triple \$399 Quad \$467. There is also an Entertainment Pass, This includes overnight accommodations, admission to all parties and events, Single

\$235 Double \$265 Triple \$290 Quad \$325

Or, you can do Saturday only: this includes discounted overnight accommodations, admission to Pool Party, and Saturday only Party in Parrot-Dise. Single \$159 Double \$179 Triple \$199 Quad \$219. Call for Reservations: 630-529-0200. This is not available on line.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Friday *Johnny Russler and the Beach Bums*

Saturday : *Mr. Myers, Frank Whiting, Don Middlebrook, South of Disorder*

Questions on Party in Parrot-Dise, contact Barb.

barb@chicagoparrotheads.com





*Bloody Billy
Brehm*

SOCIAL DISTURBANCES BY BLOODY BILL EX CHARITY CAPTAIN, NOW IN CHARGE OF "WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?"

As I peer out me cabin window, the daylight don't even come through the dense clouds. We be in a dead calm. No wind to drive our sails, and the rain is falling cold and freezing, making the deck slick and dangerous. Morale is low methinks, and even the wee spots of rum we ration ourselves doesn't lift the spirits. We need

something to boost the men and women of this ship. To get past the doldrums. What to do. I say.....what to do..... How about a party! Yea, the biggest of the year is in but 2 weeks as we roll past half the month. Didja all make nicey nice with yer wenches on the 14th so ye can really let loose at cocobowl? Ladies, did

yer men treat you right and lubricate the social gears for our weekend away? We are just about ready, and to kick it off, why not a Happy Hour to lead us into port!

KICK OFF THE MONTH HAPPY HOUR! FEBRUARY 29TH, FURLONGS

! Yes, let's start the dancin and cavortin and carryin on the only way we know how! **Kick off Cocobowl** in the Hotel Indigo's own bar **Furlongs**. Dan Rocco will be entertaining Friday night, www.danroccomusic.com and for the special price at the hotel, why not stay 2 nights! And then lead into our main event, **Cocobowl**, with the pool party! Once again with **Frank Whiting** strumming our favorite tunes

poolside, bring a dish to pass and yer own beverages! Remember....no glass by the pool or ye may be hung! Get yer mind out of the gutter! by the neck ye scalawags! perverts! And then by bus we slip over to the Brunswick Bowling Alley for a night of bowling and raffles and fun, until we return to the hotel and keep the party rolling. Some say, even to the dawn!

Then, a mere 6 weeks later, how about a weekend long social event at **Indian Lakes Resort** in Bloomingdale? **April 18-20**, will once again be **Party in Parrot-dise**. Special rates and VIP packages will be available. Go to www.indianlakesresort.com for more details and stay tuned to our own website for more information!



Well Lads and Lasses, methinks we be tilting the hemisphere in the direction we all love and warmer climes be on the horizon. In the meantime, I hope the time we spend together celebrating life keeps yer hearts warm and yer stomachs full! I look forward to seeing everyone at all our upcoming gatherings! Yo ho ho, and a bottle of rum for me!

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!

Where are they now??? Will this cold snap ever end, and now will the flooding eer end? but our favorite tropical Buffett type bands are still around and adding new dates all the 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!!! So if you have a fun band that is worth seeing.....please let me know!

Don't forget our brother and sister pirates here in the Midwest region and beyond! There are plenty of events going on that are so worth the trip to see some of our favorite bands and raise some more money for our causes! Watch the Club Calendar at: www.chicagoparrotheads.com For all the details.





*Kurt Rubin
The Good
Deeds guy*

CHARITY NEWS, AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY

A huge Fins Up to everyone who contributed to this past month's food drive. This year, our efforts brought in several hundred pounds of food for the Northern Illinois Food Depository during one of their leanest times of the year. And with the equally successful clothing drive this past December, I'd say we're on a roll. So what next? Well, with the housing market

going south (and not in a good way) and the foreclosure rate at an all time high, many people are being forced to leave their homes and take up residence in apartments that do not allow pets. Animal shelters and various rescues all over the country are reporting an alarming increase in the number of pets that are given up and often abandoned. Needless to say, this has put

quite a strain on food supplies. So keep an eye out for further details. And as always, if you have any other ideas for future drives, feel free to let the crew know.

Don't forget, we are still collecting toiletries, pop tops, cell phones and new charity ideas

Misericordia Candy Days

How Sweet it is! It's time to play in traffic again. Well, actually it's time to get signed up to play in traffic again. On Saturday April 27th we will be out at our usual corner collecting money for one of our favorite purposes, Misericordia. For those of you not familiar with our usual corner, it's at Butterfield and Finley in Downers Grove. That's Right in

front of Cheeseburger In Paradise for those of you keeping score at home. Shifts begin at 9am and run in 2 hour intervals (9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm). Of course happy hour will at Cheeseburger whenever your shift is over. Signing up for multiple shifts is allowed and encouraged, as are grass skirts, coconut bras. So break out

your parrot head finest and don't forget good walking shoes. So get signed up at the meetings or contact me at kurt@chicagoparrothead.com.



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-Parrotidise. So contact me Kurt@chicagoparrothead.com or see me at the meetings to get signed up. Lunch will be provided and happy hour to follow.

MS WALK IN NAPERVILLE

And the following Sunday, (yeah I know, Sunday mornings can be rough) we will once again be transforming one of the rest stops into a tiki bar. Sorry, we won't be serving boat drinks. That will have to wait for after the walk. But we will be passing out water, snacks and lots of encouragement to all those on the walk. Exact time and location TBA. You know the routine, sign up at the meeting or email me



FEBRUARY

Sun-day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30	21	22	23 NIPHC Beach Bash www.Islandbeachbash.com *** Gone2Paradise Cullen's Pub Oak Lawn www.Frankpaul.com *** Beach Bums Lakeshore Grill Elkhart IN
24	25	26	27	28	29 Kick off Cocobowl *** Mr Myers Key Wester	

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29 Kick off Cocobowl Furlongs	1Coco Bowl 
2 Peter Mayer Downers Grove	3	4	5	6	7 Mr. Myers Todd Solo Cabana Charlies	8 Mr Myers/Todd Solo Flip Flops *** Piratesover40 Cary Country Club
9	10	11 One Particular Tuesday CBIP Downer Grove 6:30 Frank Whiting	12	13	14 Mr. Myers Duo Blackbury Bar & Grill Lake Zurich	15 Gone2Para- dise Rivera CC Orland Park 9:00 *** Port of Blarney Mr. Myers
16	17 St. Pats Day 	18	19 Club Meeting Elm- hurst Public House 7:30	20 Frank Whiting Columbia Yacht Club	21 Mr. Myers Todd solo Cabana Charlies	22 Hemingway Port of Call Lake Geneva Mr. Myers
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



It's ticket time of year again!!!!



GET OUT YOUR CONCERT BEST COCONUT BRA AND GRASS SKIRT, CAUSE JIMMY IS COMING TO TOWN! DATES NOT RELEASED YET, BUT RUMOR HAS IT, JULY IN ALPINE VALLEY AND SOMETIME SUMMER OF 2008 IN CHICAGO.

Summer is just starting to peek out on the horizon...Because Jimmy Buffet concert rumors for Alpine Valley and Chicagoland are well under way! Please understand that we are still waiting for dates to be announced.

I just wanted to take a moment to review our ticket procedures.

Our club is on the list for PHiP tickets to the Chicagoland show. Although we do not yet know the number of tickets that our club will be lucky enough to receive, the fact that there is a new club in our regional ticket mix, and many clubs have grown significantly, this automatically reduces the number of tickets our club will be eligible to purchase. Please understand that those members who have achieved *active member* status will receive first consideration. Active members must be a member in good standing (dues are current), and since July, 2007 - will have attended at least three club meetings, helped at one club-sponsored environment project, and participated in one major Charity event. There are still plenty of opportunities to fill all of these requirements, so stayed tuned to the newsletter, meetings, and Yahoo Group! :) All indications are that the PHiP tickets will be in the \$125.00 - \$135.00 range. Please understand that this can not be confirmed until we get the official word from PHiP.

Please understand that the Chicago Parrot Head Club does have a ticket policy to distribute the PHiP tickets that we are fortunate enough to purchase and we will strictly adhere to this policy.

Ticket eligibility guidelines are available on the PHiP website at http://phip.com/Leaders_Tickets.asp - but in a nutshell they are as follows:

- * Family or household memberships are eligible for two (2) tickets. Single memberships are eligible for two (2) tickets, so long as the 2nd ticket is used by a member in good standing of the Club.
- * In order to be eligible to purchase the tickets, you MUST be a Parrot Head club member in good standing.
- * Tickets obtained through PHiP CANNOT be sold, given or transferred to anyone, unless that person also is a member of the Parrot Head Club.

Our club will award all tickets for our club, based on the Parrot Points system.

Please understand that this is only a request for tickets, and it in no way guarantees that you will receive tickets in the PHIP block.

The sign up list for PHiP Chicagoland tickets will start at tonight's club meeting. If you do not sign up at the meeting, and you would like to be considered for tickets, please email Barb directly as soon as possible - barb@chicagoparrotheads.com Our Club is not eligible for PHiP tickets to the Alpine show. If you are one of the lucky ones to get through to TicketMaster, I strongly encourage everyone to try very hard to get tickets not only for yourselves, but also for fellow club members who might not be able to get through and purchase them before the show sells out. However if we work together, we can obtain enough tickets for everyone in our club who wants one. Your help is very greatly appreciated!

And yes...the Pilot House Crew is putting the finishing touches on the arrangements for the traditional Alpine Valley Bus Trip! As in the past, reservations will be on a first-PAID basis.

However if you have any questions regarding any ticket issues, please feel free to call me at 708.542.2620 or email me directly at Barb@ChicagoParrotHeads.com

Finally, please remember that *any* tickets can not be sold for above face value on the Club's Yahoo Group. The traditional has been Face Value + TM charges. This applies to all artists and venues.

Thank you for your help! And of course...GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!

Barb.



Barb Popescu

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND POINT INFORMATION

If there is a date next to your name, and it matches the date on this newsletter, It is 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

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 "Rafone" Erickson or write us at

MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

Club Hotline is open: 630-729-3156 Or visit our website www.chicagoparrotheads.com



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