

# CHICAGO PARROTHEAD CLUB NEWS



## Midwest Caribbean Association

### Special Points of Interest:

- *3 Jimmy Buffett Concerts in July*
- *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*

The calendar reads May, but it is yet to be "Caribbean weather". Party in Paradise was a great success and took the edge off the winter doldrums. Hyatt took over the resort last fall and the condition of the resort was visibly better. Staff was great, we all danced our little toes off to the music of Frank Whiting, Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band, Matt Wahl, Mr. Myers Trio, Don Middlebrook and The South of Disorder Band. New friends and old friends reunited for a great time.

As most everyone knows, Jimmy Buffet has scheduled his summer tour. The venue this year is Toyota Park and the dates are Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We as a CREW are working with the Mayor of Bridgeview and the Toyota park staff to make this a wonderful experience. More details to come concerning tailgating and other opportunities at Toyota Park

If you have ordered Jimmy Buffet concert tickets, we will be collecting money at the May Club meeting. Reminder, the meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm at the Elmhurst Public House on St. Charles Rd. in Elmhurst. Any questions, please contact Barb Popescu via the website.

Plans for the Alpine Jimmy Buffet concert on July 19<sup>th</sup> are in full swing. More information about transportation and the tailgate are on the website as well as included in this newsletter. The Club will not be supplying tickets to the Alpine concert. Non-members are welcomed on this trip to Alpine.

CREW and Club have been very busy raising funds for Misercordia Candy Day, Special Olympics and MS Walk. I would like to personally thank all the people in the Club who supported these efforts with time and energy, as well as with funds. It was truly a "Party with a Purpose".

Many of our CREW members will be attending the regional meeting in Utica, MI on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18th. Any new information, policies or just good ideas will be brought back to the Club membership.

With Fins to the West and the Kentucky Derby behind us, can MOTM ("Meeting of the Minds") be far behind. Information about this years MOTM agenda is available on the MOTM website - <http://www.phip.com/MOTM.asp>.

Looking forward to the summer months,

Bob Noonan  
President

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## THINK SUMMER



ALPINE BUS TRIP

It's time to get signed up for the Alpine Valley bus trip! For those of you who have never been on this trip, and for those of you who have no recollection of previous trips here's the 411. As you know, the Alpine Valley concert is on Saturday, July 19th. Which means no guarantees you will be fully recovered by Thursday when Buffett rolls into Bridgeview. The cost to get on the bus is \$70 for club members and their guests until May 21st. That's the day of the May club meeting. This covers all of your food and drink for the entire day. Each member is allowed one guest on the bus. Yes, a couple can bring another couple. Now if you would like to bring more guests, here's the deal. They need to be paid and on a waiting list before May 21st. Once May 22nd rolls around then it is first come first served. Those on the waiting list will be placed on the bus roster in the order they paid. (So far I have not had to boot anyone off of the waiting list in two years.) Guests who sign up after May 21st are \$80. Any non-club members who sign up after May 21 will be charged \$100 Club members still pay only \$70. We will be picking people up from 4 different locations. Elmhurst, Rosemont, Algonquin and McHenry. Exact times and locations will be announced soon, as well as hotel info for those of you who do not wish to drive home after you are dropped off. Remember, we will be returning very late at night. Please list a first and second choice of pick-up spots. I will try to give you your first choice if possible. But sometimes we have to do what we have to do. And finally, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! This thing doesn't run itself. We need help with shopping, jello shot making/testing (Hey! research and development is important) and all that fun prep stuff that needs doing the night before the bus trip. Trust me, this has become it's own party. No wonder I'm so dead by Sunday. We also need people to help clean up before we head into the concert venue. If you would like to help out with any of the prep and clean-up, or if you have any questions about the trip, feel free to contact me at [mike@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:mike@chicagoparrotheads.com) or call me at (773)983-4718 Oh Yeah! YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR CONCERT TICKETS! The club does not provide tickets for the Alpine concert.

Alpine Valley Bus Trip 2008 Registration Form

A separate registration form is needed for each passenger. Cell #'s will be used for day-of contact and email for updates on pickup times and exact locations.

The cost per person is \$70 for club members and their guests until May 21st. After the 21st, Guests 80.00 and non-club members will be charged \$100. Please make checks payable to Chicago Parrot Heads Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup location-1st choice  Elmhurst  Rosemont  Algonquin  McHenry

Pickup location-2nd choice  Elmhurst  Rosemont  Algonquin  McHenry

Are you a member of the Chicago Parrot Heads Club?  yes  no

If not, who are you a guest of? \_\_\_\_\_

**Return complete signed form with your check made payable to Chicago Parrot Head Club, to Mike Bresnhan, or any crew member.**

Registration Policy

Club members have first priority in reserving bus seats

- 1) Each club member can secure one guest for the bus. Additional guests will be placed on a waiting list 2) Seats will be secured on a first paid basis
- 3) Club members will have until the May Club meeting (Wednesday, May 21st ) to register AND pay.4) Beginning May 22nd , we will release open seats to those on the waiting list. In order to secure a position on the waiting list, You must pay for the seat with a separate check. Individuals will be placed on the waiting list on a first paid basis. We will return the check to you if we fill the bus before we get to you on the waiting list.
- 5) REFUNDS: Refunds will only be given under the following circumstances- 1). The person was on the waiting list and the bus sold out before they has a seat. 2). The bus trip sold out and you found someone to take your seat and that person has already made payment to the club.

Alpine Bus Trip Terms and Conditions

- 1).The Chicago Parrot Heads Club has contracted Olsen Transportation on behalf of participant to provide transportation the Alpine Valley Music Theatre. The club does not assume any responsibility in the event of accident, injury or damage to personal property as a result of the travel aboard the contracted charter or any events at the Alpine Valley Music Theatre
- 2).The Alpine Valley bus trip is for the fun and benefit of Chicago Parrot Heads Club members and their guests. All attendees are asked to be respectful of others. Illegal activities, threatening behavior or activities detrimental to the safety of participants will be grounds for removal from the bus. In the event this in necessary, the Chicago Parrot Heads Club assumes no responsibility for your transport home, and your money will NOT be refunded.
- 3).The bus will depart Alpine Valley 60 minutes after the end of the concert. Anyone delaying the bus will be responsible for any accrued overtime as a result of the delay. If you have not arrived at the bus 60 minutes after the concert, the Chicago Parrot Heads Club reserves the right to depart without you. Again, the cost of your transportation home is at your own expense and you will not get your money back.
- 4).Additionally, everyone's help is needed. We must ask that everyone help out throughout the day. We will need assistance with setup, tear down, cleanup, manning the grill and other misc. tasks during the day.

I agree to the registrations policies and terms and conditions of the 2007 Alpine Valley bus trip Hosted by the Chicago Parrot Heads Club

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Hi Everyone!

My name is Kristin and the crew has graciously given me a little corner of the newsletter to spread some good gossip about off you good people. OK...so I don't really have anything on anybody yet and that is where I need your help.

In addition to all the monthly birthdays we publish, I would also like to note anniversaries, kid's birthday, baby announcements, graduations, new members, old members retiring, travel plans, etc.... Think of me as that nosy neighbor that tells you all the good stuff about the other neighbors!! So get out those calendars and send me or Billy your "good stuff".

I will start the ball rolling... Billy's daughter Kayla turned 14 on April 25th... and she really thinks she's going to be dating that hot boy on her My Space now, she has another thing coming! Kristin's son Brian turns 21 on June 8th...and he will finally be able to LEGALLY purchase and replace the beer he takes from our refrigerator! (like that's really gonna happen).

Got the idea????

So let's get creative and send me that stuff!

Our club's by-laws have been in place for one year now.

As the by-laws were being written, the one piece of advice we heard most often was to review our by-laws after a year - to see what works and what doesn't. Did we overlook an important item? Or is there a place where our wording doesn't convey the meaning intended?

Over the last year, we have received only a few comments on our by-laws. Maybe you see something that could be worded differently? Maybe something isn't explained fully enough? Or maybe too much? Do you have a question, comment or suggestion? We \*need\* to hear your feedback.

Please email any comments or suggestions to us at

[Crew@ChicagoParrotHeads.com](mailto:Crew@ChicagoParrotHeads.com)

Once we receive comments from our membership, the Crew will evaluate your feedback and publish any revisions that are being suggested. These suggestions will then need to be ratified or voted on by the general membership.

We understand that this is a time consuming process. By-Laws are not intended to make our club overly organized or structured. Rather they are here to keep our club fair to everyone, and ensure that we have some guidelines if we ever do find ourselves in murky waters. As a very wise person once said..."By-laws are like a life preserver. Most of the time they aren't necessary. But they come in handy when you do!"

A copy of our current by-laws can be found on our website at

[www.chicagoparrotheads.com](http://www.chicagoparrotheads.com)

Thanks in advance to all for your help during this process! It is a step that we all take together to ensure the future of our club.

#### Just a quick reminder....

If you ordered a PHiP concert ticket to either the Thursday - 7/24/08 or Saturday - 7/26/08 concert, we have a ticket reserved for you! Please get your ticket money (\$136.00 per ticket) to us at the MAY club meeting. If you will not be at next Wednesday's club meeting, please mail your payment to us at: Chicago Parrot Head Club, P.O. Box 6313, Villa Park, IL 60181

Remember - PHiP concert tickets can not be given, sold, or traded to anyone outside of the Parrot Head Club. There are still a few tickets available, so if you are looking for a ticket to either of the Chicago/Bridgeview show, please contact me right away! Thanks! Barb



*Donna Perry*  
*Treasurer*

## TREASURERS REPORT

Happy Spring to All,

Just a quick note to let you all know that the Chicago Parrothead Club is sound financially and the books are balanced with a solid cash reserve. We have raised \$7255.82 for charity thus far and are going strong. The crew is diligently working on ways to raise money that has been pledged to the American Cancer Federation from '07, and we are making headway!

Concert season is upon us also. Please get your registrations and payments in for Alpine as well as any money owed for the Toyota Park concert.

I wanted to personally thank all those who sold Mercado at Party-in-Parrotise last month. You helped raise \$505 for the club.

THANK YOU!!!!

Donna



## Social Disturbances: May of 2008

### By Bloody Bill; the changes in lattitudes and attitudes, guy!

The moonlight on the bayou.....a creole tune.... that fills the air  
I dream... about magnolias in bloom.....and Im wishin I was there.....

As we are back in Illinois from New Orleans, and seeing this years "*We're Still Here*" Buffett concert so early, I have to say, you are all in for a savory salty rimmed treat! Giving Nadeira Shakur the spotlight, and seeing the overwhelmed but loving every minute of it, Ilo Ferreira, perform his song (which is awesome!) shows how much Jimmy Buffett gives back to those he cares about and works to promote those artists that deserve their time in the limelight! (with a lite slice? what?) So....what to next?

*Camping?* I'm agonna put this out again! If you want to be on the committee to help set up and run this event, contact me at [billy@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:billy@chicagoparrotheads.com), or Nude Bob (our Presidente) at [bob@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:bob@chicagoparrotheads.com). As we start rolling past the heat of Summer and the concert season, we are hoping for a September date for a place to mark our territory. Keep in mind, a lot of Illinois campsites do not allow alcohol, so let's get creative on this. Other clubs have gone as far as lining up entertainment, and some members do not prefer tents, or don't even HAVE tents....so cabins in the area would be good!!!

We hope everyone enjoyed movie night! nice to have things for the kids to do, but the **Kick off the Month** for JUNE! The 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at a nice tropical retro atmosphere, the **Sandbar!** 3733 Grand Blvd (between Brookfield Ave & Fairview Ave), Brookfield, IL 60513. (708) 485-0091. This was the last stop after our Train Crawl last year, and the food and drinks and great bands are worth it! Come out and enjoy a nite of laughs and phriendship! And for July.....we have word of a new Tiki bar in Chicago right in Lakeview (that is where Wrigley Field is for those suburbanites), this may be our next option.....more to come!

*-The ultimate Parrothead souvenir: Jimmy Buffett's flip-flops. He traded them to an audience member for a T-shirt that read, "Helping rebuild New Orleans one margarita at a time."*

Mark your calendars for **July 18th**, the night before the Alpine Valley show! **Mac MacAnally** will be performing in Crystal Lake in a benefit fundraiser for Randy Salerno, with the Boat Drunks in Attendance as well! Full information is available on the Club Calendar at [www.chicagoparrotheads.com](http://www.chicagoparrotheads.com)!

**As always.....One Particular Tuesdays!** Every second Tuesday of every month, we have an open invite to our members to have a nice Happy Hour at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downer's Grove to see Frank Whiting perform our favorite Buffett tunes! And don't forget to keep checking the calendar for for Franks' full band Local Favorite, not to mention ALL of our favorite Parrothead bands!

Have you seen a new trop rock fun band that you think qualifies for our, ahem, good taste? Let me know, we can get it on the calendar, maybe make an outing out of it!

Have signed up for **MOTM?** got those concert tickets ready? Watch for details for our pre concert **Tailgreat** at Toyota Park! We can only move as fast as those organizing the show, but it should be.....well, GREAT! We have also been invited to have a group outing to see the **Schaumburg Flyers** as a group outing! Watch for more on this to come!!!

Let me end on this fine chorus, which is how Jimmy and Allen Toussaint ended his show at Jazzfest 2008.....

Do you know what it means to miss new orleans.....And miss it each night and day  
I know Im not wrong... this feelings gettin stronger.....The longer, I stay away

Do you know what it means to miss new orleans.....When thats where you left your heart  
And theres one thing more...i miss the one I care for.....More.....more than I miss.....new orleans.

~Louis Armstrong





*Kurt Rubin  
The Good Deeds guy*



Let's not forget the highways and byways. OK, bad metaphor, but it's that time of year again where we need to pick up other people's trash. Remember one man's trash is another man's treasure. In the past, people have been known to find some interesting stuff, the happy hour after clean up has always been interesting conversation. I remember people finding gift cards with money still on it.

So, on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm, and June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, we will once again on our little Island of the World in Oak Brook Terrace, or OBT as it might be heard on a scanner (radio) and not the one next to your PC. OK enough silly talk, We will be meeting at the back of the Holiday Inn Parking lot located just west of Rt. 83 on the North side of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. We supply latex gloves and garbage bags, if you want to use a heavier glove, then you have to bring it yourself. Remember if you are using club tickets for the concerts, this is a requirement. Remember, the more events your participate in, the better your view!

### MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS

We came, we saw, and we raised \$2,708.66 on Saturday April 26, 2008. The day was so windy, the grass skirts were blowing, and we almost had to take down our flag. Well, if we raised one, we would have had to take it down. But on a more serious note, Tom from Misericordia was very happy with everyone that turned out. Once again, the Chicago Parrot Head club showed we can party with a purpose. Thanks to all that were able to come out and show your support for such a great cause. Plus there is something to be said about 2 years in a row with no rain! Thanks Tiki Gods.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special, Special, Special! So special, that some of us came back out after candy days doing a double header. That's right, the partiers with a purpose, left Cheeseburger in Paradise at 6:00 and were able to be bright and alert for Special Olympics. I personally want to thank everyone for being there to participate in this event. We hit some choppy waters, the committee had made some changes and there was some miss-communication. But to those that were there and could not take part, we are still very grateful for being there, and it has been noted that you did make the effort. The Special Olympic committee is working on next year already and trying to make sure all goes smooth. But let's all remember the reason for the day, and thank God that we are able body people that can give of ourselves for this great cause.



### MS WALK

Everyday we go through life thinking we have problems, but there is hope. That Hope is that little time we spent in Naperville on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> to help a cause that might be closer to a cure. There are a lot of us that know someone that has been affected by this crippling disease, and we as a club can know in our hearts that we care enough to participate in encouraging those that walked for the cure. Members of our club showed up with decorations and music to show our club spirit. Thank you to all that took the time out of their busy lives to support this event.

**Don't forget, we are still collecting toiletries, pop tops, cell phones and new charity ideas. And in case you didn't catch it, [kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com)**

## PHINS TO THE WEST

Our club was once again well representative with 12 in attendance from the Chicago area. Thanks to the help of many we were able to have a few great silent auction items. Mike Rafone Erickson not only donated Corona signs and a mirror, but was able to have it sent out there for us at no charge. Carol Leigh once again proved her talents making a hand tied fleece blanket. The weekend officially started on Friday, but we arrived on Thursday, spent the evening at the pool listening to some of the artists, on Friday, we were entertained all day at the pool, and in the evening in the convention center Stars on the Water kept the room jumping. Saturday, AVI hosted a slot tournament, which both John & Jean were in the finals, and Jean won third place! Once again, all day at the pool, then the evening we were entertained by Garratt Wilkin and the Parrotheads. Sunday was a very laid back day having the songwriters casually joining each other playing all day at the pool. It was announced at the leaders meeting that in 2007, there were 425 people in attendance and they raised over \$12,000 for their charities which included Children's Cancer research. Plus Corona's and Margarita's were only \$1.75 each! For those interest in next year, the dates are May 1st thru the 3rd 2009 Pictured is one of our Silent Auction donations, the winner of the flop flop contest, and some of the people from the Chicago Club.



The **Central Illinois Parrot Head Club** proudly presents the 10th annual *Live By The Lake!* featuring the **Boat Drunks!** Saturday, June 7th, gates open at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$8 in advance / \$10 on the day of show, proceeds to benefit Easter Seal's. Food and drink available for purchase. **Bring your blanket and lawn chair!** **Hotel Info:** Clarion Hotel, 1219 Holiday Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704, Phone: 309-662-5311, Ask for the Parrot Head rate. \$80.00 + tax per room. Includes: 2 queen beds, non-smoking Hourly shuttle to/from the party, Hot complimentary breakfast buffet, After Dark Lounge open until 2:00 a.m., Reservations must be made by Friday, May 30.

## AROUND TOWN

**Local Favorite Duo:** Friday May 23rd, Cheeseburger in Paradise/Algonquin

**Local Favorite Band:** Thursday May 29th, Ballydoyle, Downers Grove

**Local Favorite Band:** Friday June 20th, Cheeseburger in Paradise/Des Plaines

**Gone 2 Paradise:** Saturday May 31st, 115 Bourbon St, Merrionette Park, IL

**Gone 2 Paradise:** Friday June 13th, Homewood Starry Nights, Homewood, IL

**Gone 2 Paradise:** Saturday June 14th, RC Mulligan's, Orland Park, IL

**OD TAPO IMI:** Sunday May 25th, World's largest Brat fest, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

**OD TAPO IMI:** Saturday June 14th, Downtown Street Fest, Champaign, IL

**OD TAPO IMI:** Sunday June 15th, Geneva Commons, Geneva, IL

**OD TAPO IMI:** Sunday June 22nd Kane County Cougars Game, Geneva, IL "Jimmy Buffett Day"

**OD TAPO IMI:** Sunday June 29th, Navy Pier Bier Garden, Chicago, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Thursday May 22nd, Todd solo, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Friday May 23rd, Trio, Cheeseburger In Paradise, Downers Grove, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Saturday May 24th, Flip Flops, Carol Stream, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Thursday May 29th, Todd Solo, Cabana Charley's, Sycamore, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Friday May 30th, Duo at Crazy Toucan, Key Lime Cove, Gurnee, IL

**Mr. Myers:** Sunday June 8, Blarney Island

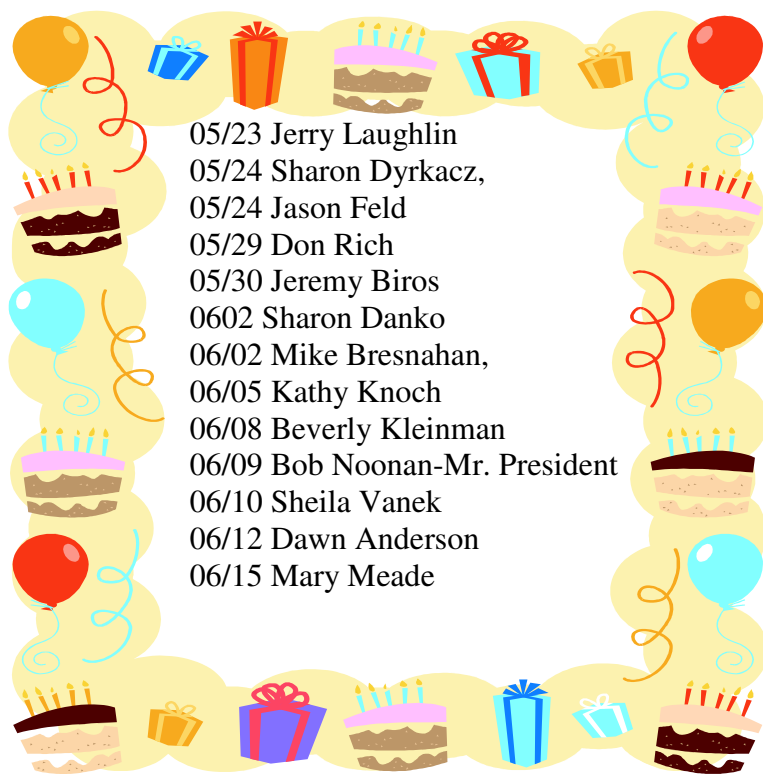
**Mr. Myers:** Thursday June 12, Lincoln Park Gazabo, St. Charles, IL

**PARTY AT PEARL ROOM: JUNE 28TH,** Beach Bums to support IAFF BURN FOUNDATION sponsored by Frankfort Firefighters. 19081 Old LaGrange Road, Mokena, IL For info call 708-906-7351

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hank & Lynn Achtieh  
Irene Huba  
Sharon Klupar  
Cheryl & Don Wegner  
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**IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED YOUR SHIRT OR NAME TAG, PLEASE SEE DONNA, OR EMAIL HER AT: DONNA@CHICAGOPARROTHEADS.COM**



05/23 Jerry Laughlin  
05/24 Sharon Dyrkacz,  
05/24 Jason Feld  
05/29 Don Rich  
05/30 Jeremy Biros  
0602 Sharon Danko  
06/02 Mike Bresnahan,  
06/05 Kathy Knoch  
06/08 Beverly Kleinman  
06/09 Bob Noonan-Mr. President  
06/10 Sheila Vanek  
06/12 Dawn Anderson  
06/15 Mary Meade



## Shirt presentation to Margaritaville/Glendale, AZ

On Wednesday April 30, 2008 John & Jean Motal presented our CPHC club autographed shirt to Mike Taylor the manager of Margaritaville, Glendale, AZ. Once again, the Margaritaville corporation outdid themselves with this store, it has everything, concerts playing everywhere, boats with fishing poles extended, "Sand Bar" with fun trivia, Jimmy even autographed the bar that all the people that built the store autographed! Food was outstanding as always, drinks were plenty and delicious! So when in Arizona, please make a point of stopping in for dinner, or just drinks and let them know you are with the Chicago Parrot Head Club and look for our club shirt. By the way, just to let you know, we were the third club to present our shirt, and the *first* club to do so in person!

*By the way, in the gift shop, present proof you are a Parrot Head club member for 10% off your purchase. Offer Not good in the restaurant.*

## LINKS


[www.cheesburgerinparadise.com](http://www.cheesburgerinparadise.com)  
[www.margaritaville.com](http://www.margaritaville.com)  
[www.blarneyisland.com](http://www.blarneyisland.com)  
[www.phip.com](http://www.phip.com)  
[www.mrmyers.com](http://www.mrmyers.com)  
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[www.flipflopstikibar.com](http://www.flipflopstikibar.com)  
[www.keylimecove.com](http://www.keylimecove.com)

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

The weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> was the Great Lakes leadership meeting in Detroit MI. Members of our crew that attended were: Bob Noonan, Donna Perry, and Jean Motal. Barb Popescu was in attendance in her regional communication position. The actual meeting was Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch served. As crew members, we were very fortunate to attend this meeting as officers of regional clubs were able to share a wealth of information on how to have a successful Parrot Head Club. Our host clubs were very welcoming to our crew members. We are hoping to implement some of their success stories and ideas to help our club grow and be a successful charity organization that we were meant to be.

If anyone in the club has any ideas for growth, please feel free to speak to any one of the crew members, we are always looking for new ways to party with a purpose..

## MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 Elmhurst Public House.	22 Mr. Myers Bahama Breeze Schaumburg, IL	23 Local Favorites Duo/CIP Algonquin ** Mr. Myers, CIP, Downers Grove, IL	24 Boat Drunks Italia Fest, Herrin IL ** Mr. Myers Flip Flops, Carol Stream
25 OD TAPO IMI Brat Fest Madison, WI	26 	27	28	29 Local Favorite Ballydoyle/Downers Grove ** Mr. Myers Cabana Charley's	30 Mr. Myers Crazy Toucan, Key Lime Cove	31 Gone 2 Paradise, 115 Bourbon St.

## JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Highway Cleanup	2	3	4	5	6	7 CENTRAL ILLINOIS, LIVE BY THE LAKE Bloomington, IL Featuring Boat Drunks
8 Mr. Myers Blarney Island	9	10 One Particular Tuesday Cheeseburger In Paradise, Downers Grove, IL	11	12 Mr. Myers Lincoln Park Gazabo, St. Charles, IL	13 Gone 2 Para- dise, Starry Night Homewood, IL	14 Gone 2 Para- dise RC Mulli- gans, Orland Park, IL ** OD TAPO IMI Champaign, IL
15 OD TAPO IMI, Geneva, IL	16	17	18 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 Elmhurst Public House	19	20 Local Favorite CIP/Des Plaines ** Boat Drunks Champaign, IL	21 South of Dis- order/Lake Ge- neva, WI
22 Gone 2 Paradise/ Navy Pier ** OD TAPO IMI Kane County Cougars	23	24	25	26	27 Pirates over 40 Dundee, IL ** Gone 2 Paradise Arlington Heights	28 Highway Cleanup ** Beach Bums Pearl Room, Mo- kena, IL IAFF Burn Foun- dation
29 OD TAPO IMI, Navy Pier	30					



## STATE OF THE PHLOCK 2008

Submitted by: Bob Heffelfinger, PHIP Director of Membership

By all accounts, 2007 was another banner year around the Parrot Head nation. We worked hard and we played hard. We had a lot of fun, we cavorted with old friends, we made new friends and, sadly, we bid farewell to far too many beloved friends. What we most assuredly did, in a big way, was make a difference, a difference in our communities, a difference in our environment and a difference in the lives of our fellow man as we continue to grow and prosper. What began with the original Parrot Head Club in Atlanta blossomed to a record 229 chapters at year end, an increase of 6% from 2006.

Meeting of the Minds was again an unqualified success. From a group of 80 attendees and 5 Clubs in December, 1992, MOTM has grown to 200+ Clubs and over 3000 dedicated Parrot Heads making the trek to Key West every November for four solid days of music and mirth, mischief and merriment, and above all, the friendship and camaraderie of kindred spirits from around the world. Attendees this year enjoyed visiting with our guest Ms. Lucy Buffett who spent time in the mini-mart signing copies of her long-awaited and newly released cookbook.

Again, our raffle and the charity auction were extremely successful, as were the annual blood drive and Toys For Tots campaign. Parrot Heads also participated, en masse, in the annual Zonta Walk and, as a team, generated a donation of \$ 10,000 for the cause. Replacing the defunct Balcony Decorating Contest for the first time was the soon-to-be-infamous MOTM Hat Contest. In the presence of a panel of luminary judges, Parrot Heads went way beyond the call of duty, as they have been known to do on occasion. Designs ranged from simple to intricate and from the sublime to the deliciously ridiculous, with every entry generating thunderous applause from the capacity crowd.

As always, we had a few chapters fall by the wayside, but we've also added several new chapters to the PHiP family already this year, with more on the horizon. At this writing, our organization stands at 227 chapters in the United States, Canada and Australia... 3 different countries, 47 states, 3 Canadian provinces and one U.S. Territory. Our total membership remains steady with more than 25,000 dedicated, fun-loving Parrot Heads amongst the ranks. Again, it's apparent that the "ParrotHead Nation" is not only alive and well, but thriving.

Now, for the big news ... In 2007, Parrot Head Clubs collectively raised for and/or donated to charitable organizations approximately \$ 2.9 million. Perhaps more importantly, Parrot Heads carried on the tradition of volunteerism as 2007 saw chapters worldwide donate more than 181,000 man-hours to philanthropic and environmental activities. In this day & time, it's easy to write a check for charity... People have more money than time. This past year, however, Parrot Heads collectively spent the equivalent of 7500+ 24 hour days on charitable, social and environmental activities, and they had a *BLAST* while doing it !!

PHiP has attained National Status with both the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life program and the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk program. In an effort to make a dent in world hunger, our feeding frenzy Project has gained strength and support, culminating with World Food Day in October. Additionally, 2007 saw PHiP cement an agreement with Margaritaville Foods that should generate additional funds for charity at the local Club level.

And, there's more to the story! These numbers, while spectacular, do not include those efforts which are not measured by dollars or man-hours:

- \* The tons of canned goods collected and donated to local food banks across the country
- \* The hundreds of thousands of pop tops collected for and turned into money by Ronald McDonald Houses throughout the land
- \* The thousands of new toys collected and donated to Toys For Tots to provide Christmas for underprivileged children who otherwise would have nothing
- \* The thousands of critical items donated to local animal shelters ... everything from food & blankets to old newspapers & leashes
- \* The hundreds of gallons of blood and plasma donated to save countless lives across this great nation
- \* The hundreds & hundreds of care packages sent to our soldiers in Iraq

I could go on and on, but the picture is clear ... the good deeds that Parrot Heads perform for the benefit of the community, the environment and our fellow man often cannot be measured in quantitative terms, yet are so vital to the recipients and should be a constant source of satisfaction to each of us.

So, to each and every one of you, a heartfelt THANK YOU for a job well done! You truly are "Angels In Tropical Shirts" and you should be very proud of yourselves and your accomplishments.

Spring is here, summer is nigh and the concert season is upon us ... Time to do what we do best: Have fun and "Party With A Purpose!"

Till next time, may all your dreams be tropical!





*Barb Popescu  
Membership/Secretary*

## 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



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**A C** 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 Rafone66@comcast.net or write us at MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

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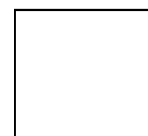
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