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Midwest Caribbean Association

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Saturday February 11 Official Club Social
Hugo Duarte & Friends Birthday Bash House Party
Door Open 6:00 p.m Music at 7:30

Once again Jim & Liz Whaley have opened their home for a very intimate, close up, storytelling mixed with incredible musical jam session! This event WILL SELL OUT!!! They say the third time is a charm and this one is better than ever with an amazing 6 member lineup.

Hugo Duarte, Woody Jenkins on lead guitar, David Matchette on Harmonica and Flute, Emily Hutchinson on vocals, and joining Hugo and Friends, on pedal steel guitar from the Toronto ParrotHead Club, Mr. Dean Cavill. And to really take this event to the next level we are able to welcome Ms. Amy Lee, formerly of the Coral Reefer Band, on Saxophone joining with Hugo and Friends for this one night only show. Many of you have seen Amy Lee perform on stage with Hugo and the Full Sail Band during MOTM at the Hogs Breath. There is some great video of Hugo and the band with Amy Lee on stage at the Hogs Breath to be found on You Tube. Dean Calvill also sat in with the Full Sail Band at the Hogs Breath on Saturday night. Those of you who are regular listeners to Big Burrito Radio may recall that Dean was a call in guest during the world radio debut of his hilarious song "Savanah Jane".

Cost: Club money has been earmarked to help support house concerts, as well as support from some anonymous donors and ticket sales. The logistics of bringing together this level of talent for a small group took some planning.... and some funding. Base price is \$40 in advance per person, \$45 at the door IF NOT SOLD OUT !!! HOWEVER: for Chicago ParrotHead members, by using club funds to support the arts, we are offering a \$5 rebate to the first 35 people to PAY. Meaning..... club cost is \$35 per person! Please bring an appetizer to pass and your favorite beverage.

Planning to attend? Please contact Jim Whaley to RSVP:
whaleyj5@comcast.net, Cell Phone: 630-816-1483.



Please mail your ticket payment checks made payable to James L. Whaley to:
Jim Whaley
360 Eggleston
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Captain's Logbook

Thirty-eighth Entry: January 18, 2012

Welcome to the New Year me laddies and lassies! As we enjoy the balmy Winter and what appears to be flip flop weather, we come about to what appears to be the fun part! Strangely, and rightfully so, in the Fall we tend to have a lot more charitable functions, mostly due to the charities themselves! So here we are in Winter to Spring with merriment to be had! Live music, pub crawls, and lots of surrounding clubs events....leading to our own Party in Parrot-Dise! I hope Ye don't feel too badgered by our requests, but here in the down wind run we need all the help and volunteers and donations we can get to try and top last year! I must say I am inspired by the enthusiasm of our entertainment and what is expected to be a 5 hour non-stop show! Get creative me hearties, everybody knows somebody that can help us make this another success....and give to our biggest causes. Alzheimer's and Cancer. Let's have some fun with another trip around the sun!



Bloody Bill

The Pirate King

Yeah, and that's why it's still a mystery to me, Why some people live like they do
So many nice things happenin' out there, They never even seen the clues
Yeah but we're doin' fine, we can travel and rhyme
I know we been doin' our part
Got a Caribbean soul I can barely control
And some Chicago hidden here in my heart

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The Social Whirl

Saturday January 28 Official Club Social: Cabin Fever Party at Cabana Charley's Woodridge 7:30 p.m.

The recent snow falls has winter in full swing. Beat your Cabin Fever by dancing the night away to Mr. Myers band. The band starts at 8:30 but the bar is always packed when they play here. So show up early to get yourself a seat. Cabana Charley's is located at 6315 Main Street Woodridge 630-964-TIKI

Karen Boylen
Cruise Director

February 11 - Hugo Duarte & Friends Birthday Bash House Party

Please see page 1 for details.

Friday February 17 Official Club Social: Chicago Express Hockey Game. Game time 7:00 p.m.

It is 20 degrees and there is a new Hockey team in town. The Chicago Express. On February 17 we are going to cheer them on. Tickets are \$11 a piece and need to be purchased by January 31 Please contact Karen Boylan for Tickets Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com. In addition Fridays are \$1 hot dog and \$1 BEERS. Our group will get a visit from the mascot TRAX (don't worry this one is much better trained than the Boylans' dog Trax), Our name will be on the scoreboard. The Express play at the Sears Center in Hoffman Estate.

Saturday February 18 BeadQuest – A Mardi-Gras Pub Crawl.

This is not an official club social so make sure to drop me an email or the yahoo group if you are planning to attend that way you can make sure other parrot head are going and you can meet up with them. Travel to some of Wrigleyville's most popular destination bars and compete for numbered beads at each stop. BeadQuest is a great way to kick the winter blues and gives Chicagoans something exciting to do! BeadQuest falls on the 3rd weekend in February and is right after Valentine's Day. Over 10,000 Beads are distributed throughout the course of the bar crawl, but participants have to earn them – it's more fun when you have to work for your reward! Cost is \$20. Go to <http://www.festaparties.com/events/beadquest-pub-crawl/> to sign up.

Saturday February 25 PHIP Club Event – Island Beach Bash In Rockford.

Sharks on the Rock – one of our fellow PHIP clubs is hosting their annual fundraiser for Special Olympics. There is an opening act followed by TWO fabulous trop rock bands Pirates Over 40 and Johnny Russler and the Beach Bums. Tickets are \$15 in advance and available at www.islandbeachbash.com The event is held at Giovanni's at 610 N. Bell School Road in Rockford. The venue is located next to a Comfort Inn that is offering a Northern Illinois Parrot Head Rate of \$69.99 for the night (which includes a 2 a.m. continental breakfast. You must reserve a room by February 15 by calling 815-398-7061. Last year all but three rooms were taken by Parrot Heads.... so it does sell out.

Chiditarod

Making a Mush of Everything

What is the Chiditarod? Well you have heard of the Iditarod, Alaskan Dog Sled Race right? The Iditarod is the famous long-distance race in which yelping dogs tow a sled across Alaska. Chiditarod is pretty much the same thing, except that instead of dogs, it's people; instead of sleds, it's shopping carts; and instead of Alaska, it's Chicago. Chiditarod is a one-of-a-kind event dedicated to self-expression, reclaiming our city for freaks of all varieties, food-drive for our city's disadvantaged, and creating copious amounts of epic. So it is part race, part costume contest, part pub crawl, part food drive all things that us fun loving Parrot Heads Love.

The Seventh Annual Chiditarod will be held Saturday March 3, 2012. While this is a grass roots event and details like exact time and location are not announced until the day before – we can tell you it is around 10 a.m. until 2 or 3. The carts can revival floats in any major parade and the costumes are fantastic. Not to mention it is just plain fun. So we are participating. WE will need a team of 6 to pull the cart, 50 lbs. of food to fill our cart. Accomplices and helpers to hide our food and deliver it to us along the way and hang out with us in the bars... costumes, a decorated cart and some ideas to sabotage the other teams (it is allowed practically encouraged.)

Charity Update for 2012. Mark your calendars...for giving.

Well it's a new year and a new beginning for many. Happy New Year to all Chicago Parrot Heads.

We have already begun our Charity work with the Northern Illinois Food Pantry. We will be collecting non-perishable food at our January meeting and thank you to all that have already donated. Special thanks goes to Club member Jim Whaley for supplying the truck to deliver our donations.

As many of you know, we have collected over \$25,000.00 through our fund raising efforts. What you may not know is that the Club has logged in over 650 man hours of volunteer time from our Club members. Great job Chicago Parrot Head Club!!

Our biggest charity and social event (we need a lot of volunteers) is Party in ParrotDise 2012. This year's Party in ParrotDise is on April 16th at Double Tree Suites by Hilton in Downers Grove. Please spread the word to other clubs and non-club members alike; it is sure to be a great event. Teresa Cater is chairing this event with the help of a committee of Club members. The actual planning started months ago but we need every Club member to help in some way.

You ask how can I help?? We need donations of all sizes for the Charity baskets we will be raffling off, need Club members to help the night of the event and still more to make calls to past sponsors. The list goes on and you can find out more on our web site or ask Teresa, myself or any committee person. We will be collecting donations at our monthly Club meeting starting in January and will continue through March. We need your time, talent and/or treasures!!!!

A general (not complete) 2012 list of events schedule is outlined below:

- January Meeting collecting food for Northern Illinois Food Pantry
- February 25th Rockford's Beach Bash to benefit Northern Illinois Special Olympics
- March 3rd Chiditarod Race to raise money and food for the Chicago Anti-Hunger Association. Last year over 14,000 pounds of food was collected. More details will be in the February newsletter and our website.
- April 28th Misericordia Candy Days – we'll be at 22nd street in Oak Brook. Details soon.
- Parrot Head Road Clean-up – Spring 2012, date to be determined

Beachathon – early June on North Ave Beach in Chicago. Details soon.

MOTM 2012 "Another Trip Around the Sun " is October 31st – November 4th. Registration is now open!!!



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Party in ParrotDise - April 13 - 14

It's not too early to start planning for Party in ParrotDise!

Party in ParrotDise, CPHC's annual fundraising event, will take place the weekend of April 13th and 14th, 2012 at the DoubleTree Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Downers Grove. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

It will be a fun weekend filled with music, margaritas, dancing, margaritas, raffle prizes, margaritas and good old-fashioned Parrot Head craziness! The weekend kicks off on Friday night with Mr. Myers playing (at a venue yet to be finalized...we'll let you know) and continues on Saturday with happy hour with Frank Whiting in the afternoon,

followed by South of Disorder and Pirates Over 40 at the big party that evening. We'll have many beautiful prize baskets to be raffled off on Saturday night, along with 50-50 raffles and a drawing for a t-shirt quilt, lovingly crafted by our own Micky O'Connor.

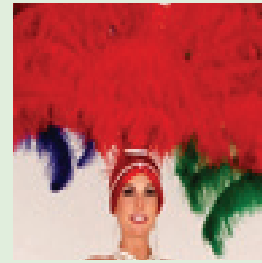
With all that merry-making, why miss a minute of it? Stay close to the action at the DoubleTree so you're never far from the party, even the unofficial ones that happen by the pool, in the hotel bar, some unfortunate victim's room, etc. It will also keep you off the streets and safe from the local police who might be looking for someone who's had a little too much fun!

A block of rooms has been set aside for our group at the hotel. The rates are \$95/night for a 2-room suite with a king bed and it includes breakfast. When calling to make your reservation, please tell them that you are with the "Chicago Parrot Head" group to take advantage of our group rate. If you book online, use the group code "MCP." Please make sure that you book within our block of rooms. If you have already booked a room outside of our blocked group, please send me an email.

Also note that we have blocked a limited number of rooms so please book early to make sure you get one!

The specifics on the hotel:

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center Chicago -
Downers Grove
2111 Butterfield Road
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-971-2000
<http://www.DoubleTreeDownersGrove.com>



Vicki Kerr
Membership Diva

Happy New Year to all:

I don't know about the rest of you, but we are into the New Year by about 18 days and I have broke some of my resolutions already... well nobody's perfect.

The committee is back to work on the Party in ParrotDise. So that being said we could use items for the raffle baskets. Check your bar for unwanted alcohol and wine (YEA right! Unwanted.)

Or maybe you got something for Christmas that just wasn't for you. We can use just about anything you want to throw at us.

Let them eat cake:

A Happy Birthday goes out to

Wayne Skopek	January 15
Jennifer Perkins	January 17
Michael Marchese	January 24
Jeff Smith	January 26
Lynne Horne	January 29
Debbie Marchese	January 30
Tiffany Biros	February 2
Michael Hardesty	February 6
Kevin Hamilton	February 6
Kevin Marren	February 12
Deb Crimmin	February 13
Janet Henderson	February 14
Liz Whaley	February 14



Concert Tickets...Rules, Regulations and other Regurgitations!

As of press time we do not have a concert date, however as Ferris Bueller says " Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." That being said here is what you need to know so you don't miss when Jimmy comes to town. If you are a member in good standing you are eligible for one ticket to the Chicago Toyota Park concert.

Rob Fitzpatrick is our club's ticket coordinator. Please make sure you are checking your club emails daily or more often in the next few weeks so you don't miss the announcement. If you are not on the club Yahoo Email list, make sure a crew member gets you on the list. If you do not want to be on the list but want tickets make sure Rob has an alternate email or phone number to contact you. If you are vacationing in the upcoming weeks and want tickets, talk to him ahead of time and see what we can work out. In other words, Rob is NOT a mind reader. Give him a way to contact you.



**Rob Fitzpatrick
Your Friendly
Neighborhood Ticket
Coordinator**

Concert venues put aside a block of 300 tickets at each concert for PHIP clubs. The concert for Chicago has several clubs that we share these tickets with. Your friendly neighborhood ticket coordinator works to assure all clubs get their fair share and ticket requests are made. In the event there are not enough tickets to fill all the requests our club will revert to our point system. Every effort will be made to inform you of a denied request prior to the ticket sales to the general public.

The PHIP tickets must be requested the same date tickets go on sale at the Evil Ticket Empire (boo! hiss!)® so our club will have a deadline two days prior. And just like purchasing them through the Evil Ticket Evil Ticket Empire (boo! hiss!)®, once we request them, we (YOU) are financially obligated to purchase them.

What we can assume: I know you should not assume, but the timing of these things means we have to rely on past experiences. The last several years the Chicago Concert has been announced in late January or early February and tickets have gone on sale the following week. The Chicago concerts have been on Saturday in late July or August at Toyota Park in Bridgeview Illinois. We have paid in the \$150 range for the tickets and they have been in section B2 starting around row 10. Being this is at the stadium of the Chicago Fire, obviously there cannot be a concert on home game which are planned for July 14, August 4, August 18, and September 15.

What you need to know: There are guidelines for tickets. If you want them explained in detail visit http://www.phip.com/Leaders_Tickets.asp. Basically here is the cliff notes version: Each member in good standing is eligible for ONE ticket. These tickets are for use by PHIP members only, they cannot be resold for higher than what you paid and absolutely, positively under NO circumstances can be sold on eBay, craigslist, or other ticket broker sites. Once you commit to purchasing the ticket and the deadline for ticket requests has passed the ticket is your responsibility. If you find yourself stuck with an extra ticket let the club know. The ticket coordinator WILL TRY to hook you up with a parrot head in a need of ticket, but all transactions at that point are your responsibility.

What you need to do: Make sure you have a way to be kept informed of when the concerts are announced and ticket deadlines as they come up. Start looking at your calendar, budget and any other issues that factor you're your ticket buying decision. That way once a date is announced you can decide. . Once ticket sales for the public are announced, you need to decide if you are going contact Rob Fitzpatrick at jrmfitz@sbcglobal.net and let him know if you need a ticket. Yes we are only given a short time and little info to make these decisions and I understand this can be unfair but it is not our rules...hate the game not the players. In all reality if you did not belong to a PHIP club you still would have only a few days from announcement until the sale date at the Evil Ticket Empire (boo! hiss!)® to decide. The only difference is we don't have convenience fees, to hassle with slow internet connections and we get to sit with our phriends.

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Sano Grog

Something warm for these cold winter nights.

Ingredients

- 1 ounce bourbon
- 1 ounce dark rum
- 1/2 ounce Grand Marnier
- 1/2 teaspoon superfine sugar
- 1 thin wheel of lemon(s)
- 3 or 4 ounces of boiling water

Glass Type: mug

Instructions

Put ingredients into a mug or a heavy glass and stir.

Recipe from Esquire.com

Hot Milk Punch

or as Esquire calls it - Liquid Ambien

Ingredients

- 1 ounce dark rum
- 1 ounce brandy
- 1 teaspoon superfine sugar
- milk
- nutmeg

Glass Type: mug

Instructions

Stir well, then pour into a glass mug and fill with very hot milk. Add a few grains of nutmeg.

Recipe from Esquire.com

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