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*Well shiver me Shamrocks! Is thar a pint under yer kilt or are ye just happy to see me? (please be a pint...please be a pint...) The wee tease of Spring is in the air, and although the elusive JB be hiding the big show date, we have enough of our own fun to tide us over! The reefs are cleared and the wind be blowin' fair right down to our own particular harbor, Party in Parrot-Dise! I hope ye all enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day fun and are ready to amp it up! We need a wee bit of time from ye to man the cannons, staff the tables, and sell the tix and trinkets! This be Chicago! Sign up early and often and let's get the work out of the way so the boys can break out the rum, the joint will start jumpin, and we can hear those hotlines hum! This will be one for the Coconut Telegraph my friends, you won't want to miss it!*

*Bloody Bill, The Pirate King*

*Get up and dance, get up and smile, get up and drink to the days that are gone in the shortest while."*

*Drinking beer doesn't make you fat, It makes you lean....Against bars, tables, chairs, and poles."*

*It takes only one drink to get me drunk, The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth."*

*~George Burns*

*Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says love your enemy."*

*~Frank Sinatra*

*Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar."*

*~Drew Carey*



## Party in ParrotDise is Just Around the Corner!

Party in ParrotDise, also known as PIP, is the Chicago Parrot Head Club's largest annual fundraiser. This year the benefitting charities are the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

The 2012 event will be held on April 13th and 14th at the DoubleTree Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Downers Grove. The weekend kicks off with a Welcome Party at Cabana Charley's, featuring Mr. Myers on Friday night. Happy Hour with Frank

Whiting will be held Saturday from 3 – 5:30 in the Grand Ballroom at the hotel, followed by the main event, Party in ParrotDise, in the same location. The main event will feature South of Disorder and Pirates

Over 40 playing together from 7 p.m until midnight. Details are available at [www.partyinparrotDise.com](http://www.partyinparrotDise.com).

There are no admission fees for the Friday night Welcome Party or the Saturday afternoon Happy Hour. However, everyone is charged admission to the Saturday night event, Party in ParrotDise.

Admission to Party in ParrotDise is \$25/person in advance or \$30 at the door. There are a limited number of reserved tables available for the event which include admission for 10 and are priced at \$300 per table. These are only available prior to the event and on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register for the event online through a link at [www.partyinparrotDise.com](http://www.partyinparrotDise.com).

All events are open to the public. Drinks and food will be available for sale during all events.





**Karen Boylen**  
Cruise Director

## The Social Whirl

Greetings from your Cruise Director!

While the social calendar may look a little light no fear my friends the club has plenty to keep us busy. In March many people have their own St. Patrick festivities to attend and then we are starting to get ready for PIP. April brings Party in ParrotDise which is a weekend full of fun and then we have Misercordia Candy Days at the end of the month, (see the Charity Director for more info on that). So in order to give us all some time to catch our breath there are no other official club socials planned for April. However last minute fun is always popping up so keep an eye on the Yahoo List and the Facebook page for any parrot head happenings. And if you hear of any other fun to be had drop a note to your fellow club members, never know who will join you.

### Friday Night Wine-Down Friday March 23, 7:00 to 10:00 Prairie State Winery in Genoa

This little Winery Store located at 217 W. Main Street in Genoa features montly gatherings and music. Todd Donelly of Mr. Myers is playing here on Friday March 23. Just a note the winery ONLY serves wine to drink and while they normally don't sell food they do have a small selection for purchase during the Wine Downs. This is the McClains backyard so let's join them for some tropical fun in their neck of the woods. Please email me Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com or Terrie teresamcclain67@yahoo.com if you plan to attend so that we can save enough seats for the group.

### MORE HOCKEY ANYONE?

There were 20 of us that headed out to Hoffman Estates to catch the Chicago Express Hockey game. Seats were only a few rows off the glass, and the \$1 beers were flowing all night. Many of us had so much fun that the Boylan's are planning another Chicago Express Outing for our friends and family. So if you are interested in attending the game Friday March 30, 2012 at 7:30 let Karen or Dan know – teekay1972@yahoo.com or 708-525-4952. Tickets will be around the \$12 price range depending on how many attend.

### Another Epic (but in a different way) House Party Saturday June 23

The amazing Liz & Jim Whaley are preparing another Musical treat for us. Saturday June 23rd they are opening their home and backyard to more fabulous trop rock artists. A triple bill of Hugo Duarte, Jack Mosely and Kelly McGuire will perform on the Whaley patio. Details are still being ironed out but if you want to attend you will need to RSVP to Jim Whaley Whaleyj5@comcast.net or cell phone 630-816-1483. Payments should be sent to Jim Whaley 360 Eggleston, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

### Chicago Cubs RoofTop Outing – Sunday August 12.

The Cincinnati Parrot Heads are coming to town to see their beloved Reds battle our loveable Cubbies in Wrigleyville. So we are having a joint social with them at Brixen Ivy Rooftop, located at 1044 Waveland. Game time is 1:20 and you can enter the rooftop an hour before the game and all food and beverages are included in your ticket price. Ticket prices are \$109 per person, Brixen Ivy is offering us a very special \$10 coupon code (HARMON), bringing the price to \$99 for a Cubs game and unlimited eats and drinks. You can check out the details and the menu and order tickets at [www.brixenivy.com](http://www.brixenivy.com) **ORDER YOUR TICKETS DIRECTLY FROM THE ROOFTOP** at <https://brixenivy.webconnex.com/081212> but you MUST enter the coupon code HARMON to receive the \$10 off. We have a limited amount of seats with this code so buy your tickets early.

### Crawling or Wine-ing and other Summer Fun

Planning for the warmer months, it gets a little difficult until Jimmy announces his tour schedule, once we know the dates he is in Chicago and at Alpine Valley we can start to plan other activities.

We are looking into a few options for May socials. One option will be a tour and wine tasting at the Lynfred Winery. Another option is our Wig Train Crawl – we spend a day on a Metra Line stopping various towns to visit their pubs, it is similar to a poker crawl to raise a little money for charity, and to add fun we all wear wigs. In the past we have done this in the fall, but last fall the date just did not work out. If we can not fit this in during May we will have to wait until Fall. Once the summer festivals and holidays start Metra is stricter with alcohol and silliness on the trains and they are more crowded in general.





**Bob Noonan**  
**Mr. Give Until**  
**It Hurts**

### Partying with a Purpose!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chiditarod on March 3rd. In a small way our Club helped this group collect over 9,000 lbs. of food for the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

We are starting off spring with our own Kurt Rubin (Master Griller) being a guest chef at Mongolian Beef in Bolingbrook. The date of this event is Tuesday, March 27th from 6 PM to 9:30 PM. We are looking for a few more Chefs; contact me as soon as possible if you would like be a guest chef. We will be donating the proceeds of this event to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Our biggest fund raising event "Party in Paradise" is just around the corner on April 13th and 14th. We are still looking for donations of any kind. We need items for auction baskets, money and sponsorships. We are selling tickets quickly so get your tickets now. This event is open to all Chicago members and non-members. We usually sell this event out and we do not want to turn any members away.

Our annual Misericordia Candy Day is Saturday, April 28th. This is a day for us Parrot Heads to shine. We will be working on Butterfield Road (the corner where Cheeseburger in Paradise is located) collecting money for Misericordia. We will all be dressed in our finest Parrot Head wear and hand out candy for donations to Misericordia. I will have a sign-up sheet at both the March and April meetings. We are also hoping to have a person from Misericordia come to our April meeting to talk about this event.

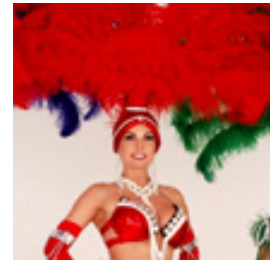
We are also looking into doing a food drive for our four (4) legged friends. Yes, it would be a food drive for pets, with all proceeds going to a shelter in need. We are in the early planning stages for this food drive and are looking for thoughts/ideas/suggestions on shelters from our members. Please send me any information you may have for this food drive.

This year MOTM 2012's theme is "Trip around the Sun" and registration is NOW open. This is a great time to plan to head south during the cold November days of Chicago. The dates are November 1st - 4th. Come a day early and celebrate Halloween in Key West; it is sure to be an unforgettable time. Any questions about MOTM can be directed to me.

### Member News

Happy Ides of March to all,

We have St. Patrick's Day and the first day of spring. That means summer parties and fun looms in the air .



**Vicki Kerr**  
**Membership Diva**

First we need to get through Party in Parrotise so remember to get your tickets, T-Shirts and quilt raffle tickets.

The committee is trying to make this the best fund raiser and party this club has ever seen. Get the word out to your friends and family the more the merrier.

A big shout out to our members that are celebrating a another year of fun:

Madeline Batke	March 22
Tami Casey	March 22
Kelly Kerr	March 24
Terri Bungler	April 3
Steve Robbins	April 4
Bob Clauser	April 5
Todd McPencow	April 6
Neil Compton	April 8
Deborah Harrison	April 11

Happy Spring everyone!

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## Fundraising at Party in ParrotDise

In hosting Party in ParrotDise, the Chicago Parrot Head Club raises funds through:

### 1. Registration Fees

2. **Prize Basket Raffle Ticket Sales** -- A major source of revenue during the event is the prize basket raffle. The baskets to be raffled off are made up of items donated by club members and others from the community (businesses, friends, etc.). Typically there are 50 - 75 baskets included in the raffle. They are displayed prominently (and beautifully!) in order to generate as much interest (hence, ticket sales and revenue) as possible for them. The baskets are raffled off in a drop-style raffle, which means a guest may buy any number of tickets and drop them into the bag associated with the basket they want to win.

3. **50-50 Raffle Ticket Sales** -- 50-50 raffles will be held during Happy Hour and Party in ParrotDise on Saturday. If possible, another will also be held Friday night at Cabana Charley's.

### 4. T-shirt Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales

-- In addition to the prize basket and 50-50 raffles, this year Micky O'Connor is making a t-shirt quilt to be raffled off. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased online during the registration process or at the door.

5. **Donations** -- Monetary donations are accepted as well as donations of items for the prize baskets.

6. **Sponsorships** -- Funds are also raised through "sponsorships" from local businesses. A company sponsorship is a donation of \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 for which the sponsoring organization receives recognition on the event website and in the event program, along with a corresponding number of tickets to the event. All members work to bring in sponsors and donations from local businesses.

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