



Mark your Calendar!

September is Membership Renewal Month!

Annual Renewal Individual - \$25
Joint Membership Renewal - \$35

Train Crawl

October 6
See the flyer within this very newsletter.

Meeting Date Change for November

New Date: November 14
Same Place: Elmhurst Pub
Same Time: 7:00 pm
Same Day o'the Week: Wednesday
Why: Because everyone will be getting ready for Thanksgiving!

A Day at the Beach Keep summer in your heart and in your glass!

1 oz coconut rum
1/2 oz amaretto almond liqueur
4 oz orange juice
1/2 oz grenadine syrup

Shake rum, amaretto, and orange juice in a shaker filled with ice. Strain into a highball glass over ice. Add grenadine and garnish with a pineapple wedge and a strawberry.



Captain's Logbook

Forty-sixth Entry:
September 19, 2012

Line Ye up and mark yer mark, ye bunch of scurvy bilge rats! It be time to renew yer

commitment to the fleet and welcome aboard! As ye know, it be pirates that started the process of voting for who be in charge. And tonight be the time we decide who will steer ye all! Nominations are to be turned in and if need be we vote next month for the next batch of leaders. I feel blessed to be a true pirate in office and hope I have lived up to yer standards! As President, as I always say, if what we're doing is wrong, I don't want to be right! Looking forward to many more trips around the sun with ye all as Crew and companions on our many journeys!

*Bloody Bill
The Pirate King*

*Follow in my wake, You've not that much at stake
For I have plowed the seas,
And smoothed the troubled waters
Come along let's have some fun,
The hard work has been done
We'll barrel roll into the sun,
Just for starters, Just for starters
Barometer's my soup,
I'm descended from a deckhand on a sloop
I travel on the song lines, That only dreamers see
Not known for predictability*

~JB



Editors Note:
Congratulations to our own Billy Brehm (El Presidente and Cap't) and his First Lady Kristin McFadden (Madame Secretary on their engagement. May fair winds be forever in your sails.



The Social Whirl

Greetings from your Cruise Director.

As the weather cools off we will need tropical fun more than ever.

Karen Boylen Cruise Director

Here are a few things going on to keep your spirits warm. Remember when attending things noted as an official club social be sure to sign in for points. And if anything comes up last minute, be sure to email your phriends through the club yahoo list or post on facebook and invite us along. As as always if you have a suggestion or an event you would like to run, please let us know.

Official Club Social: Thursday September 27, Jay from South of Disorder at Zest Café. 7 p.m.

Jay is doing his solo gig at a very unique venue. The Zest Café is located in the Lemon Tree Grocer. YES A GROCERY STORE. The café has a small but tasty menu and a bar which includes some unique microbrews. This is a "School" night but the show is only from 7 to 10 and as Jay says "Anyone can limp through a Friday!" Lemon Tree Grocer is at 935 Burlington Ave. in Downers Grove and their phone number is 630-969-YUMMY.

Friday September 28, Todd Donelly Solo at Dawn's Beach Hut 8:00 p.m.

Dawn's is tiny and the whole Mr. Myers cannot fit in there but Todd will be there with his steel drums. So have a cocktail and enjoy the music. Dawn's is located at 8 N. 3rd Street, St. Charles, IL.

Official Club Social: Saturday October 6 starting at 3:10 p.m. TRAIN CRAWL

Put on your favorite wig and meet us at the Elmhurst Train Station – or come early and have a pint at Pints, 112 S. York Road. Detailed itinerary is in another article.

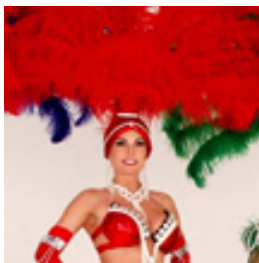
Saturday October 13, Jam Session at Hemingway's Port of Call, Lake Geneva.

Word on the street (or internet) is that Steve and South of Disorder are hosting their Freddie and the Fishstix show and having a party. Never know how many musicians will be on stage, but you know it will be fun.

Official Club Social: Sunday Oct. 21, Thom Shepherd at Adobe Gila, 7:00 p.m.

Back by Popular Demand is Thom Shepherd and his playing at the home of killer Margaritas, Adobe Gila which is located in the new Rosemont entertainment district. SAVE THE DATE – November 17 will be our Scavenger Hunt and Tree Decorating at Brookfield Zoo.

Member News



Happy September (Not Really)

I hate to see the sun going away earlier in the evening. It makes drinks on the patio a little colder and hard to see at my age.....

Vicki Kerr Membership Diva

This was the first year that I had a chance to work at the beer pour (Family Fest at Misericordia).

What a great showing of volunteers. This club really steps up to the plate to help others. I must admit that I had a blast even if there was work involved. I hear the walk in the morning started out on the chilly side but, we had a great turn out for that also. What a fun filled and packed Sunday we all had.

The club has great things planned for the celebration of 20 years. If anyone wants to add ideas they are always welcome.

We are in full swing to make PIP the best ever and hopefully the biggest.

Also remember that all renewals are due this month. Bring them to a meeting or mail them to Midwest Caribbean Association P.O. Box 6313 Villa Park, IL 60181 Don't miss out on all the fun things you and your crew are working for the coming year.

And for those celebrating a birthday remember party like a rock star:

Tim Crowley	Sept. 12	Carol Eichelberger	Oct.7
Cyndie Kautz	Sept.17	Denise Sifnotis	Oct. 7
Vicki Boucher	Sept.23	George Bork	Oct. 10
Colleen Smith	Sept.26	Tim Ross	Oct. 10
Sharon Smith	Sept.27	Lenore Schillmiller	Oct. 12
Dee Trop	Sept. 29	Brian Kautz	Oct.13
Chrissy Badskey	Oct. 1	Amy Zimmerman	Oct.14
Bill Block	Oct. 2	Debbie Stefan	Oct.14
C. J. Nelson	Oct. 2	Jean Motal	Oct. 14
Jose Lozada	Oct. 6		



Train Crawl Itinerary Union Pacific West Line

Saturday October 6, 2012

The Journey will start out heading West Bound or AWAY from Chicago. Please note all boarding directions are based on the usual scheduled stops of the train. Track maintenance or Metra's own whimsical ways may call for a track change or change in boarding procedure. Please listen for announcements at the station. Please try to get to each station several minutes before departure time.

2:15 Optional Start **Elmhurst** **Pints**, 112 S. York Road 630-834-5700

3:12 DEPARTURE **Elmhurst Train Station** 128 W 1st Street (York Rd. & tracks)
Board on South Side of Tracks – Head WEST (Outbound)

3:25 ARRIVAL **Glen Ellyn Train Station** upon arrival at station walk along
Main Street, (you may be just east of it when you exit the train)
head South, bars are on West side of street. **TWO HOUR STOP.**

Option B **Santa Fe**, 426 N. Main Street 630-790-3311
Shannon's Irish Pub, 428 N. Main Street 630-790-9080

5:25 DEPARTURE **Glen Ellyn Train Station**
Board on South Side of Tracks – Head WEST (Outbound)
NOTE: You will PASS Winfield; this stop is on the way back.

5:39 ARRIVAL **West Chicago** when exiting train head, you will be across the
parking lot and behind the businesses the bar is not visible from
train. Go to East end of parking lot, walk North towards street.

Privilege Café, 540 W. Main Street 630-562-7270

As we depart West Chicago will we change our direction of travel. We will now board on the North side of the tracks and traveling East or To Chicago.

6:45 DEPARTURE

West Chicago Train Station (DIRECTION CHANGE)

Board on NORTH side of Tracks, head EAST (To Chicago)
This is a short ride, may want to stay standing in vestibule.

6:49 ARRIVAL

Winfield Train Station exit train and bars are right at the tracks on the North Side of the tracks, you will see Pepper Jacks first and Caliendo is right next door. **GREAT DINNER STOP!**

Caliendo, 0S050 Winfield Road, 630-690-1555
Option B **Pepper Jack** in the same building as above.

8:49 DEPARTURE

Winfield Train Station

Board on North Side of Tracks, head East (to Chicago)

9:13 Arrival

Elmhurst Train Station

Head North about three doors down on East side of York Road.

Fitz's Spare Keys, 119 N. York Road

This place is HUGE with bowling, pool tables and a cabaret with dueling piano players. Piano Players start at 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

THIS CONCLUDES YOUR GUIDED TOUR PORTION OF THE EVENING. Drive Safely!

Charity Update

Super Sunday, September 9th Alzheimers' Walk



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

Well, after many months of planning by the Chicago Parrot Head Club and the Alzheimer's Association, the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" was a huge success for 2012. As of this writing, the Club has

raised \$11,149.53 which is over our goal of \$10,000.00. We are the number one Club in the nation for Parrot Heads at this time, and expect us to stay that way. Not only are we the number one team fundraising team in our Parrot Head community, but of the top 10 money raising individuals nationwide, 6 are members of our Chicago Parrot Head Club! The top 6 fundraisers in the Club are Joe Kelm, Sharon Klupar, Bob Noonan, Steve Robbins, Vince and Alina Stevens and Doreen Warner. Congrats to everyone for all your efforts raising money for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's". I received a personal call on Monday after the Walk from the Alzheimer's Association thanking the Chicago Parrot Head Club for raising money for this cause and for the enthusiasm of our group. The Walk was truly another example of "Party with a Purpose". Many of our group went on to Trader Todd's for some light refreshments prior to moving on to our next event on Sunday. You can still track our Club and individual fund raising by going to <http://act.alz.org/goto/chicagoparrotheads>. Alzheimer's Association is still taking donations on line and accepting checks until October. I will have a donation envelope at the September meeting in case anyone wants to make a donation.

And Misericordia Family Fest (aka the Beer Pour)

As I alluded above, the "party" never ended on Sunday as our Walk group was joined by other Club members to work Family Fest at Misericordia. We have helped Misericordia with Family Fest for many years by working the beer tent. This event gives us a chance to give back to our community by helping others; another great example of "Partying with a Purpose". Our list of heroes on Sunday, September 9th are Karen Boylan, Billy and Kristin Brehm, Tami Casey, Chi Chi, Mark and Evan Evinger, Claudia Kell, Joe Kelm, Vicki Kerr, Rick and Bev Klienman, Sharon Klupar, Terrie McClain, Steve Robbins, Kurt Rubin, John and Roxy Sheridan, Barb and Jeff Stegman, Vince and Alina Stevens and Doreen Warner along with of course yours truly. It gave me a great feeling that we could help run part of the Family Fest so family members could enjoy this event with their resident family members. Again "Party with a Purpose" in action. The Bears won, we saw the Mayor of Chicago (even offered him a beer, he said "no"), received a blessing from Sister Rosemary and had a great time; what more can we ask.

Upcoming:

Misericordia Baking Days, December 1

We are looking to help Misericordia in the kitchen on December 1, 2012 too, details to follow soon.

The Mayor of MOTM

MOTM 2012 is almost here. I am leaving for Key West 5 weeks from today and we have a lot to do. All attendees - I need your arrival and departure information, where you are staying and how you want to be reached while on the "Island". We have 22 Chicago Club members going this year and it will no doubt, be a time to remember. We also have a lot of new Club members going for the first time. The only advice I have is "what happens in Key West never happened". Please contact me with your information and any questions you may have about this unbelievable trip.

21st Annual Meeting of the Minds

Another Trip Around The Sun

November 1 - November 4, 2012

(Key West, Florida)

Q: Who can attend the Meeting Of The Minds Convention?

A: Any member in good standing of a Parrot Heads In Paradise, Inc. chartered, official Parrot Head Club. You must be a member before registering including during the time period of the convention. For the purposes of the MOTM Convention, "members in good standing" are those club members that have their dues paid in full thru the dates of the convention.

Q: When does registration close?

A: Online registration closes on September 30th or when registration reaches 3500, whichever occurs first. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than September 15 of the convention year.

Don't be left out in the cold, sign-up now. More to come about this great getaway.

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