Chicago Parrot Head Club



Chicago Parrot Head News



Welcome to June my friends,

As we sail into the summer season, I hope you are all in good health and high spirits. Cheers for supporting each other in times of need as we suffer losses along the way, lend a hand to each other and pick each other up with a hug and a pint and a friendly face.

Our house concert schedule is soon to be in full swing and should provide the best possible options

for pillage and plunder. It's time to grab your flip-flops, put on your tropical shirts, and get ready for some fun in the sun!

As the Bylaws stipulate, here is the formal call for crew nominations (to be printed in both the June and July newsletters). Elections are coming up quickly, occurring this October. The positions up for this coming election are: Treasurer, Membership Director, and Social Director. Please review the current Bylaws for Crew descriptions and feel free to back channel any one of the crew members if you have any questions or concerns regarding the election or running for a position.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to stay connected through our club calendar along with the clubs social media channels where we share updates, photos, and important announcements. Feel free to reach out if you have any ideas or suggestions for future events or community initiatives



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Thank you for dedicating your time and treasure. United we stand, together we Phlock to Party with a Purpose Happy Birthday

Cheryl Wegner 6/22

Arthur Wielga 6/22

Claudia Kell 6/26

Jim McGing 6/29

Jeff Siegman 7/2

Diana Wielga 7/3

Billy Brehm 7/6

Melissa Huffman 7/6

Jenny Marren 7/8

Ty Needham 7/9

Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership

A very warm and sunny welcome to our new members Marie and Tony Coglianese.

We're collecting "Chicago Themed" donations for the TropRockin' Ozarks fest basket raffle. Think local....like Malort! Other things too that are from Chicago, like Tootsie Rolls, Twinkies, Giardiniera, Jay's Potato Chips, The Bears, Cubs, White Sox and Backhawks. Please bring your items to the June or July meeting.

Club flags have arrived and we have a few extra available for sale. They are \$90 for the 3x5 and \$40 for the car flag. \$125 for both.

The club's 30th Bday Bash is planned for Sept. 16 and invitations have been sent out with Evite. If you didn't get an invitation, let Cheryl Wegner know. Please for-ward this invitation link to any former members that you can contact

http://evite.me/HtWhNpVbFN

Congrats and enjoy your ride around the sun!

The Off-Beaten Path

A nod to the earlier club days before the news letter was the Chicago Parrot Head Club, it was the Off Beaten Path. Have a couple minutes? There is a treasure trove of newsletters and pictures to explore on line, check them out here-Newsletters - Chicago Parrot Head Club

(chicagoparrotheads.com) As we look to update our member photos, as a member you can explore the members only section and gallery to check out the pics already on-line, for memories of great times here-MO Portraits -**Chicago Parrot Head Club** (chicagoparrotheads.com) Fins up! Jon Kotrba—Communications



Have you seen these members? Do you see your name on the table?

We are looking for you! Come to our next meeting on June 21st and join us for a great time.

This means you! Janet Brophey, Marc Passarelli, Renee Keata, Adam Keats, Tim Long, Allison Heichel, Laura Ziegler, Kathy Goeken, Michael Bresnahan, Dave Neal, Lisa Sawczuk, Shelli Thacker, Tom Sawczuk, Laura Howe, Eddie Olewinski, Gin Balcius, Susan Schaller-We look forward to seeing you there



The Pirate Hood— Charity Page Kathy Sullivan—Charity Director

Happy Summer Phriends!

JUNE 50/50 raffles tickets on sale now and WE HAVE GONE VIRTUAL! This is because we want everyone able to be involved in raising money for Charities!!!

Drawing will be held at the June Phlocking live on Facebook 6/21//2023. You do not need to be in attendance. You can buy your tickets online in the in the raffle. Just click the link below. It will bring you to the form to fill out and you can pay via Pay-Pal.

This month's Charity is Alzheimer's Chicago Parrot Head Team. See the link below to join the 50-50. https://www.chicagoparrotheads.com/50-50-raffle/

Garage Sale for Charity:

Looking for volunteers to help set up and work a garage sale at my house: 2443 Saddle Ridge Dr Joliet, IL 60432 the week of July 17th. Would like to be able to hold the sale the 20, 21 & 22nd from 8am-3pm. Any donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Chicago Parrot Head Team. You can bring item to the next meeting or make arrangement to meet me or drop off at my house.

July Charity!

YOUR CHICAGO PARROT HEAD CLUB NEEDS YOU! GET OUT HAVE SOME FUN AND DO SOME GOOD!!

Looking ahead to July we will be supporting the Joe's Sebek's As Good As Gold (Golden Retriever Rescue). They can accept donations of \$\$\$ (always the greatest need), dog food, treats, blankets & towels, dog toys or any other type of dog supplies. Please bring any donations to the meeting and remember Joe is one of our own club member!

Only 4 ½ months to go until this year's Alzheimer's walk. Thanks to the Talk Derby to me and Anna Mitchell's generous donation of her winnings we added another \$257 to our walk total.

Our walk will be Sunday October 3rd at 10am at Busse Woods Grove 5 Elk Grove Village, IL 60008. We had a great time last year and the Brunch in the woods was fun for all!!Below is the link to the team page and so far this year we have raised 15% of our goal. But we don't want to just achieve our goal we want to CRUSH our goal of \$10,000! We have 6 team members registered but I know there will be more!



2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Northwest Suburban, IL: Chicago Parrot Heads | Walk to End Alzheimer's

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Jimmy Buffet Night with the Chicago Dogs and Madison Mallards





















May Meeting Report

John Sheridan—Secretary

Recording Secretary

In attendance were, Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director, Secretary- John Sheridan, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney, and Social Director -Nancy Schriener, Communications Director- Jon Kotrba and, Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director/Phriendship

Absent: President Joe Klen

President Joe Klen was out of town and Doug MacArtney called the meeting in order at 7:30pm.

He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that we take care of our bartenders, waiters and waitresses. In addition, he thanked Another Round for the use of the room.

Doug talked about the money being good and there were some dollars in and some dollars out since last month. The report is published on the CPHC website under the "Membership Only" section.

First up was Cheryl Wegner and she gave a membership update and we have 172 members. She read off the new members' names and they were as follows: David and Endrea Bell, Mark and Kathleen Timbler, Maureen and Clark Schroeder and Tammy Snyder.

She talked and Trop Rock in the Ozarks and the club was going to make a basket for the event. She asked for donations for the basket and was looking for Chicago theme items for the basket.

She stated the flag order has been placed. Cheryl will contact you as to the best way to get you your order.

Cheryl then talked about our 30th Anniversary Bash coming up September 16th and she is trying to locate as many old members as she can to invite them.

Next up was Social Director -Nancy Schriener. She thanked all those who attended the Talk Derby event last weekend. She then talked about the upcoming events. May 20th is Christopher Dale House Concert at Cheryl's place, June 1st , and Chicago Dogs Margaretville is the same day. One Particular Thursday with Michael Shehan at Shuckin' Shack. Then June 3rd is Highway Clean Up, June 10th is White Sox Margaretville, June 11th 2:30 to 7pm is Blarney Island (Chain-O-Lakes, Antioch, IL) and last is September 16th for the CPHC 30th Anniversary Birthday Celebration.

Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director, was next to give her report. On Friday, May 26th we will be placing a flag at the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood. Kids are also welcome to help that day. We plan on meeting for breakfast and carpool over to the event for an 8:30 start. She also mentioned the Highway clean up would go towards the club's volunteer hours. She mentioned that on October 3rd we would be doing the Alzheimer's walk at Busse Woods and we will have brunch at the same location as we did last year.

Kathy called up Bob Noonan and presented him with the certificate for CPHC being in 4th place last year. As a whole, the walks have raised over one millions dollars for research. We are at 16% of our goal as of the meeting date. She announced that we will be doing a garage sale on July 21st and the proceeds go to the team page for the ALZ Walk. She is still looking for volunteers and items for the garage sale.

She also mentioned the 50/50 raffle and we are doing very well so far with \$210 going to the winner at the time of her report, but time is still remaining and the proceeds going to VBP for a person who needs a trailer.

Last, Kathy thanked Ann Mitchell for her generous donation of \$257 she won from the Kentucky Derby winnings.

Doug gave an update on the future events coming up. Doug also thanked Don Wagner for setting up every meeting.

Secretary- John Sheridan then gave an update on the loss of one of our dear members Carol Reece Eichelberger who passed away on Mothers' Day. He was known by many and she enjoyed dressing as a Mermaid and a Pirate for our events. She and Larry joined our club around 1994.

She was very proud that she became a certified senior fitness specialist through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

John mentions that for those that want to attend the wake, we would meet at 12noon and go in as a group from the CPHC. The wake will be at Healy Chapel, 370 Davison Dr., in Sugar Grove, IL.

We had two members that wanted to get up and say some words and tell some stories about Carol. Peggy Farrell and Dana Sebek came up and told some stories on how they met Carol and the fun times they had together at our events. She was loved by many and will be missed.

John then mentions that we lost another Parrothead, Tony Stark, was President of the St. Louis Parrothead Club. Tony and his wife Jane were great supporters of our Summer Chi.ill event every year. We sure will miss his smile.

The members in attendance raised their glasses and gave a toast to Carol and Tony. "Sail on Carol and Tony, until we meet again, salute!"

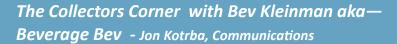
Communications Director- Jon Kotrba then came up and talked about Carol and meeting Bob Dunbar who passed away last summer and was a great guy and also loved by many.

He then talked about creating Collector's Corners. He talked about Bev Kleinman with her large collection of items. He wants to learn about members and those that want to share information so people get to know each other a little better. He thanked Pat Downey for helping him with the newsletter. He asked who has a club flag and if you need one the club has a few extra. He mentions he is trying to get the club's Google Calendar so it can be updated to your own Google Calendar if you so choose to do so.

He thanked the folks for the club pics he took tonight to upload to our CPHC website. This way people can put a face with a name and get to know people better.

Doug wrapped up the meeting by thanking everyone and announced the 50/50 winner of \$242. Eileen Pachuta won and turned around and gave it back to the club for the Veterans Business Project. This was the largest 50/50 raffle with 114 people.

Respectfully submitted by, John Sheridan Recording Secretary





Beverly Kleinman is a one of kind Chicago Parrot Head that has been there from the start and through thick and thin. She is a stalwart of Summer Chill, MOTM, Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers Concerts and has a personal collection of memorabilia that could rival any out there. If you have been to a club meeting, event, or concert there is no doubt Bev has been there. I set out to get to know Beverly a little better after she kindly pointed out some inconsistencies in a previous newsletter that listed past CPHC Presidents and I quickly realized the few paragraphs or pages I could write will not even touch upon the story of the

person I have come to know. However- I hope I might touch upon something

First off— I had to know why Beverage Bev? Why not Coral Bev or Parrot Bev....well there's a reason. "The name Beverage Bev, it started at a Summer Ch.ill when I volunteered to serve in the Performers hospitality lounge, continued to Thom & Coley's Lone Star Luau event, and then MOTM. I think it was our Kristin McFadden, that first started calling me BB, and it just sort of stuck."

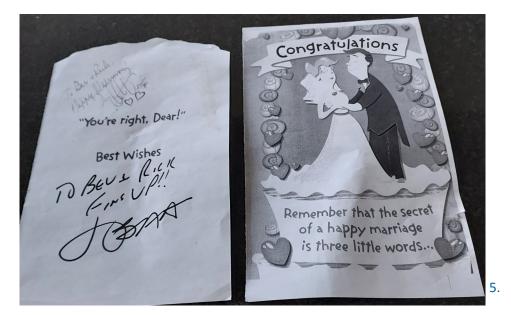
When is the first time you saw Jimmy Buffet? "Think the first time I saw Jimmy was in his "rhinestone cowboy", 1970 days at the Quiet Knight. He was solo, opened for Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks. He was dressed in a buttondown cowboy shirt wearing golf shoes without the cleats. After the show JB, Steve Goodman and a couple of others met at a house in Andersonville which was friendly to traveling performers in those days." Whoa...lot to unpack there! Our Bev was hanging at the Quiet Knight, a Chicago club known for its owner Richard Harding that was legendary for spotting talent before the industry could and getting them to play his club. Others playing the club included Steve Goodman, Chuck Magione, Muddy Waters, Bob Marley, John Prine, Talking Heads, Arlo Guthrie, Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffet (opening for Dan Hicks), Herbie Hancock, and Carly Simon, just to name a few.

"My favorite Buffett song, "Stranded on a Sandbar", there is a line in the song. "I used to go crazy for days at a time, Now I'm taking my time with my days". Sort of my mantra. " - Beverage Bev

What lead you to join the club? "One of the ladies I was working with, her brother was a Big fan. We (ladies) went to a concert. It was a simple circus compared to today's standards, but for the 80's it was quite risqué. I was hooked. Clubs were just being formed, I found the Chicago local, joined and have been a member ever since."

What has kept you a parrot head over the years? "What has kept me a Parrothead, the mission statement. "Party with a Purpose". I didn't want to follow some performer/band who would fade in popularity, I wanted to do something which might make a difference in my community."

Bev shared with me her favorite memorabilia shown below and in it you can get a sense for her sentimental side. "What is my favorite item? That's like asking a parent which child they like best. But if I had to pick one, when Rick and I got married, a friend had Jimmy and the Coral Reefers sign a card for us."



I found another item that was quickly my favorite. Professional Bev with Jimmy looking corporate? You can only wonder, what the heck—this hurts my head. Bev tells, "This was from his first book "Tales from Margaritaville" (1989). A lot of my work years was spent as a major market financial analyst for Rand McNally. Jimmy was doing a book tour, Kroch's and Brentano's, (one of the best bookstores in Chicago at the time), was hosting. I told the salesman if he didn't get me into the signing I would put their account on hold! He not only got me in a photographer from the Chicago Tribune took my picture in the dumb hat."

Bev, the hat might not be the best but you rocked it with style and grace and own the true spirit of being a ParrotHead. We are all lucky to have you in our phlock....oh the stories you can tell.



CPHC Turns 30

Beverly came up with the concept of adding into the newsletter a memorabilia section called the Collectors Corner. I had a chance to look over much of Bev's documented collection and selected a couple of items to feature. First was this news letters coverpage right corner. I was immediately drawn to this martini toting guy with a parrot on his head in a suit. Looking down further a mystery was presented to me...."Freddy and the Fishsticks"? Is this guy Freddy? What is this doing in Bev's collection? Mystery answered - Freddy & The Fishsticks is better known as Jimmy Buffett with a condensed version of the Coral Reefer Band. Playing under that name at least twice.

What is your favorite memorabilia and/or stories that you could tell before it all goes to hell? Send me an email at Communications@chicagoparroth eads.com and lets get it out in the next CPCH newsletter!



The Social Navigator

House Concert season kicked off with a BIG Blast and a terrific event with Christopher Dale. Great Music and Great Phriends had a Great day!!! Thanks to Christopher for swinging through Chicago on tour.

Up Next on June 30 is Scott Kirby at Brehm's house. Reserve your spot in advance on our website Chicago Parrot Head Club. Details will be emailed prior to the event. Start the Holiday weekend off with some PHUN!

Then no time to rest. Then on Sunday, July 2 we are back at Alter Brewing with Thom Shepherd and Coley McCabe for an afternoon of day drinking and great live music!!!

Mark your calendars for the rest of the upcoming events: July 17 - Mike Nash at Dunn's house July 29 Charlie Imes – at Tuttle's house Aug 4 - Sunny Jim at Brehm's house Aug 27 - Drop Dead Dangerous Loaded at Wegner's house

AND DON'T FORGET about the 30th Birthday Bash on Saturday, September 16. Your crew is hard at work planning all the details and phun.









MOTM.ROCKS: OCT 24-29, 2023



Margaritaville Weekend! Wisconsin Brewing Company Park 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N. Oconomowoc, WI

If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane. JIMMY BUFFETT

The Chicago Parrot Head Club Turns 30

As our club turns 30 we would like to recognize or present and past Presidents that have guided and grown our Phlock.

Scott Henderson Barb Popescu Mike Bresnahan Bob Noonan Bill Brehm Joe Klen

Thank you for everything over the years. This one is for you, wherever you are! Fins Up!



December 2005—Scott Henderson and Jean Motal



Barb Popescu 2008

Chicago Parrot Head Club Mission

We're a not for profit organization for people who enjoy Jimmy Buffett's music, and have a tropical spirit. Our club engages in volunteer support for local and environmental concerns, raises money for a variety of charities and parties like no other. The Chicago Parrot Head Club is officially sanctioned by <u>Parrot Heads in Paradise</u> and was established in 1993.

Learn more about us at the <u>Chicago Parrot-</u> <u>head Club website</u> or visit us on Facebook



Note we are not a 501c3 organization.

Schedule of Upcoming Events 2023

June	July
06-10: Madison Mallards Parrothead Night	07-21: House Concert Mike Nash at Dunn's house
06-21: Club Meeting	07-21: Club Meeting

06-17: Chicago and Movies in Prison Walking Tour

06-23-6-25: Lake Country Dockhounds Margaritaville

06-30: House Concert- Scott Kirby,

07-29: House Concert- Charlie Imes at Tuttle's house

Chicago Parrot Head Events Calendar

The Monthly Chicago Parrot Head News Letter is Published by the Pilot House Crew.

Have questions? Need Answers? Have an idea you would like to share—lets squawk about it and send it to your humble crew or meet us the third Wednesday of the month at our regular club meeting.

Reach out to us if you have any general questions regarding our club. If you have any information on an upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Jon Kotrba no later than the first Friday of the month at jon@chicagoparrotheads.com. Like writing? We are always open to publishing new content and could use a couple regular columns. Send me a note and we can get you going.

You can reach the Pilot house crew at a meeting or in the clouds at: Captain Joe Klen— president@chicagoparrotheads.com Social Director Nancy Schreiner—social@chicagoparrotheads.com Charity Director Kathy Sullivan—charity@chicagoparrotheads.com Membership Director Cheryl Wegner— membership@chicagoparrotheads.com Secretary John Sheridan— secretary@chicagoparrotheads.com Treasurer Doug MacArtney—treasurer@chicagoparrotheads.com Communications Director Jon Kotrba—communications@chicagoparrotheads.com

Or snail mail if you must to: Chicago Parrot Head Club PO Box 624 Franklin Park, IL 60131

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50-50 Raffle