



Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

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I may have taken a month off, but me Crew reported back that ye all have been laboring and anticipating our next voyage. Prepare to put to sea and break yer backs! If I hear ye be slackin there be keel hauling to be sure! We have seaports set to collect pieces O eight for our mates in need, and then we are throwing in several new ports-o-call to do what we do best...drink some rum! I'll be turnin over the meeting to me Leftenants in charge o charity and socializing to fill in the details. We have a full Summer coming! Batten down yer liver, it be in for a rough ride!



Billy Brehm, the Pirate King

Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

What Did Pirates Drink?

Alcohol was both a GodSend and Devil's Torment on board Naval and Pirate vessels. Thanks to Captain Billy Bones in the book *Treasure Island*, the alcoholic beverage most associated with pirates is rum. Of course, rum has a long association with the British and American navies because both navies had liquor rations and that liquor was usually rum. Rum is a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented molasses. At one time it was all the rage in the Colonies as well as Caribbean because of its inexpensive means of production.

Because water had a tendency to go bad onboard ships, due to bacterial growth, rum or other spirits was sometimes added to kill the taste. A dram (a small amount) of rum was often added to a sailor's water ration to kill the taste of the rancid water. This was called grog. This also explained coffee and Tea. Of course this was not just something that happened aboard ship. It also happened anywhere water tasted bad.

Rum would often be the downfall of many pirate crews. Unlike military and merchant ships where some kind of authority measured out the rum being consumed, a democratically run pirate ship, with its weakened code of discipline, sometimes led to a complete disregard for sobriety. There are several accounts of pirate ships easily being boarded because the ship was too drunk to fight. One of the best known examples was the capture of Anne Bonney, Mary Reed, and Calico Jack Rackham. Even Bartholomew Roberts, the tea totaling pirate was unable to stop his crew from drinking.

Besides rum, ale was sometimes available on ship but ale, like water would turn bad after a period of time. Of course the bad tasting water could still be drank. The bad ale could not.

Port wine was often available to officers as a substitute for or in addition to a rum ration. Port first became popular among the English when they went to war with France, and could obtain French wines. Unlike normal wine port is fortified by adding grape brandy during the fermentation process. This makes it more stable during temperature changes and allows it to last longer during sea travel.

It should be noted that Royal Navy Rum was a high quality rum and remained so until it was no longer issued as a ration in the British Navy.

On a side note, whereas the Royal Navy had rum the Her Majesty's Army had gin. Legend has it, the Army in India had a problem with malaria and the cure for the disease, quinine tasted really bad. To get the soldiers to take their medicine, it was mixed with the liquor ration. Thus gin & tonic was born.

It should also be noted that within the U.S. Navy, while it lasted (until 1854), the liquor ration was just as often bourbon or other whiskeys as it was rum. The amount of alcohol was determined by Congress and then left in the hand of the ship's captain.



Social Navigators

Yo-Ho Cheryl & Flip Flop Dave

Summertime...

And the livin' is easy..

Party with a Purpose



Chicago Parrothead Events:

May 12th: Alzheimer's Fundraiser at Ballydoyle's with Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band! Wear purple...dress tropical...and #EndALZ! Once again, we are partying with a purpose and raising money for an amazing charity! Come join us at Ballydoyle's in Downers Grove from 12:00- 5:00. Cover charge (suggested) \$10.00. There will be music, dancing, raffles, games, and several baskets to auction/raffle off. As an extra bonus, we will get to hear some music from the up and coming band, The Moonrays! So, dust off your purple/tropical gear, and let's party with the Beach Bum Band for a wonderful cause! 5157 Main St, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Not Official Parrothead Events... but Still Fun!

Party Like a Pirate Day in Whiting Indiana Saturday April 21st

ARRRRRRRG you ready to Party Like a Pirate!? Release your inner pirate and join us for the FOURTH annual Party Like a Pirate Day! Downtown Whiting, IN will be transformed into a pirate's dream. Bring the wee lads and lasses for games, contests, and put on your best eye patch and peg leg for a pirate-filled day walkin' the plank! The day is full of family fun for everyone from 11am-3pm. Starting at 6 p.m. board the ship for the Pirate Pub Crawl! A FREE shuttle will take you on a tour of bars and restaurants in Whiting, Robertsdale, and North Hammond. Be entertained by live music, contests, and special glug at each stop! Details on participating bars coming soon! Save the date and grab you best matey, get into costume, and party like a pirate!

MDA Event for "Goin' for Koen" at Durbins in Tinley Park 6 PM-9 PM Friday

May 4 Come join us for a night of fun to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)! We are a mother and son running team that runs the Chicago Half Marathon and Chicago Marathon for the MDA. Koen is almost 5 years old and has a condition called Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2. We run to give back to the MDA that continues to support research to find treatments for muscle disease. Details: 3 hours of bottled beer, wine, and pizza for \$35/pp. Children are \$10 for pizza with drinks. A dessert table will be there as well. Split the pot and raffle baskets. Our very own Parrothead Bob McAllister will be singing and playing the guitar! 17265 Oak Park Ave Tinley Park.

Maifest at Chicago Hofbrauhaus (Rosemont) Polka, Pretzels, and Partying!

Every May 1st, Germans rejoice in the return of spring with "May Day" rituals! If you enjoyed Oktoberfest, check out the May Day celebrations. Visit the Hofbrauhaus facebook page or website for details!

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Local Music...

Todd Donnelly

Apr 20/21 – Bahama Breeze – Schaumburg, IL
 May 4 – Bahama Breeze – Schaumburg, IL
 May 6 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk
 May 12 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (12-4)
 May 18 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk
 May 25/26 - Bahama Breeze – Schaumburg, IL
 May 30 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk

Flip Flop Dave

Apr 21 – City Light Brewery – Milwaukee, WI
 Apr 26-29 – FL Mini Tour
 May 5 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (2-6)
 May 12 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (4-8)
 May 19 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (4-8)
 May 23 – Dancing Marlin – Franklin Park, IL
 May 26 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (4-8)
 May 27 – Island Party Hut – Chicago Riverwalk (2-6)
 May 30 – Dancing Marlin – Franklin Park, IL

Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band

May 12 – Ballydoyle Irish Pub – Downers Grove, IL
 May 26 – Arlington International Racecourse – Arlington Heights, IL
 Jun 2 - St. Rays Summer Fest – Joliet, IL

Mr. Myers

Apr 27 – Mac's On Slade – Palatine, IL
 May 17 – Keystone Park – River Forest, IL
 May 28 – Bandito Barney's – Dundee, IL

South of Disorder

April 20 – Kerry Piper – Willowbrook IL
 May 5 – J. Flemings Absolutely Delicious – Westmont IL
 May 27 – Dockside – Ottawa, IL

Pirates Over 40

Apr 28 – The Chubby Bullfrog – West Dundee, IL
 Jun 13 – Fox Valley Park District – Aurora, IL

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy Spring Fellow Parrotheads...

Ok is anybody else wondering when that is going to be. As I sit here writing this with my heat on and winter jacket at the ready.



I guess it is what we have to endure living in Chicago. That being said when spring and summer do arrive there are plenty of activities planned to get you out. So dust of your flip flops and watch for socials in and around town. Grab your family and friends and join in the phun.

Remember to update me on any info that has changed in your life like email address, home address or phone number. I do try hard to keep up with your info. If you are not receiving club emails or I have your birthday wrong or not at all please send me an email at To all celebrating another trip around the sun Happy Birthday and party like Jimmy would.

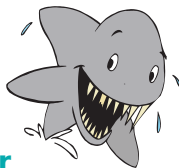
We are welcoming a new member to our group: Gary Kenny



Let's give a big shout out to all celebrating the next trip around the sun

Gary Kenny	April 17	Ron Horne	May 1
Chris Bert	April 20	David Duplar	May 1
Bernie Fliss	April 20	Dennis Hannon	May 3
Dave Russo	April 22	Kyle Smith	May 7
Mark Lemke	April 23	Karen Evinger	May 13
Sharon Klupar (Show me Sharon)	April 24	Mickey Kappel	May 15
Brian Harms	April 24	Kevin Eltoft	May 16
Bob McAllister	April 30		

We order you all to party like a rock star and enjoy your day!!!



Vicki Kerr
Membership Diva
Chicago Parrothead Club

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The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



Candy Days for Misericordia will be on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th. In case you are not familiar with Candy Days, we (members and non-members are welcome) stand on street corners around the Chicago area distributing Jelly Belly brand jellybeans in exchange for donations that benefit the 600 children and adults at Misericordia. We supply the manpower; they supply the jellybeans, tags, collection cans and aprons. We dress in our finest/wildest Parrot Head attire and hit the street corner in Elmhurst, next to HD Jones where we have our monthly meetings.

Please sign up at April's meeting or contact me thru Rnooner@aol.com. At this time I have 2 people signed up, so we have plenty of spots open.

I am looking for 8 – 10 people on each shift. The Shifts will start at 9:00 AM and will be ever two hours until 5 PM. Of course the schedule can be and will be adjusted because of our fine weather in Chicago. Here's to good weather this year!!

It's official; the Alzheimer's Walk is Sunday, October 28, 2018. Our web page is up and running so sign up when you can. [act.alz.org/go to/ChicagoParrotHeads](http://act.alz.org/go/to/ChicagoParrotHeads) If you need any help or support material, please contact me. It's later in the year than usual, but we will be up for the challenge – great way to get the MOTM party started!! I plan on leaving for Key West the next morning.

“We are the people your parents warned us about” Meeting of the Minds starts October 30th and runs to November 4th in Key West, FL. The Meeting of the Minds is the Parrot Head convention held in Key West in late October each year. The convention consists of more Trop Rock music than you can hear, and meeting other Parrot Heads from all over the country. It is a fundraiser for local and national organizations as well. More about that in next month's newsletter. The only requirement to attend is to be a member in good standing of a recognized Parrot Head club. Registration is now open and of course, yours truly has already registered.

Bob Noonan (AKA—Mayor of MOTM)
Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club
Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter



IT'S TIME FOR



CINQUENTA DE MARCO

(MARK'S 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH)

WHEN: Sunday May 27th, 2018

WHERE: Evinger Backyard
295 Royce lane
Roselle, IL 60172
(630) 894-1104



2:00 PM (Start)
4:00 – 7:00 PM (Taco Truck)

MUSIC: 2:00 – 5:00 PM (Todd Donnelly)
6:30 – 9:00 PM (Radiohouse Duo)

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY MAY 1, 2018

(We need a head count for food and drinks!)

[KAREN.LEVANGEVINGER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:karen.levangevinger@gmail.com)

PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE IN AN OUTDOOR TENT! PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

WHAT TO BRING

CHAIR, SUNSCREEN, JACKET, BUG SPRAY

[**www.summerchi-ill.com**](http://www.summerchi-ill.com)



SUMMER CHILL

August 2-5th, 2018

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

It's More Than A Dream Productions, who is helping plan and execute this year's Summer Chi.ill, is also involved with planning and executing the Auction (silent and live) part of the 46th Annual Benefit for Ingalls Hospital, taking place on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel, in the south loop area. The entertainer for the evening is Patti La Belle.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the actual event on Saturday. Shifts can range from 3-8 hours, depending on needs and your availability. Set-up will begin around 11 am and the event will end at approximately midnight. As many hours as you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

What is so unique about Ingalls Hospital (located in Harvey, IL) is that since 1923 they have been a not-for-profit hospital, so they never turn anyone away for lack of an ability to pay.

The Benefit has raised over a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships for local high school students, many of whom have gone on to become a part of the Ingalls medical staff. In addition, Ingalls is involved in world renowned cancer research. Currently, they are involved in several worldwide experimental cancer treatments where they are one of only two hospitals in the United States chosen to participate. At present, they have several patients taking part in the same immunotherapy treatment which former President Jimmy Carter credited for destroying his melanoma-related brain tumors, which is extraordinary!

Last but not least, Ingalls' contribution to minority enrollment in Clinical Cancer Treatments is exemplary. The National Institute of Health reports that less than 2% of minorities are involved in these trials. At Ingalls, it is an astounding 35% - 45%, depending on the programs available at any given time.

So, as you can see, what was started in 1923 as a one man show by Frederick Ingalls as a dream, creating miracles and giving hope to this day!

If you are interested in volunteering at this very worthwhile event, please contact: Kathy Kadet, President & Founder, It's More Than A Dream Productions, at 630-273-3322 or Kathy@Itsmorethanadream.com. Please mention you are with the Chicago Parrothead Club, and if you e:mail her, please provide a phone number that she can contact you to discuss in more detail.

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD. FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR ATTENDING THE EVENT!

Thanks

Karen Levang-Evinger



Renee Fliss-Secretary



Teresa Carter -Treasurer



Joe Klen-Communications Director

The 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

billy@chicagoparrotheads.com -or- write us at

CPHC, PO Box 624, Franklin Park, IL. 60131

The Chicago Parrot Head Club newsletter is a monthly publication. If you have any information on an

upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Joe Klen - No later than the second Friday of the month.

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