



Chicago Parrot Head News



December, 2012

Midwest Caribbean Association

From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Forty-ninth Entry: December 19, 2012

A Happy Holiday to Ye all as we come together one last time to meet and be merry before the Solstice and another year is past. As you look around the room at the smiling faces, take a moment to recognize new friends and welcome back the old ones. This be the time to rejoice in the camaraderie we share together with a common desire, and a common goal. To share in the music of Jimmy Buffett, and through that, we share laughs, tears, family, and love. And...we embody the spirit of the holidays, by continuing to give back and make this world a better place, one parrothead at a time! Thank you phriends...and happy birthday Mr. Buffett!



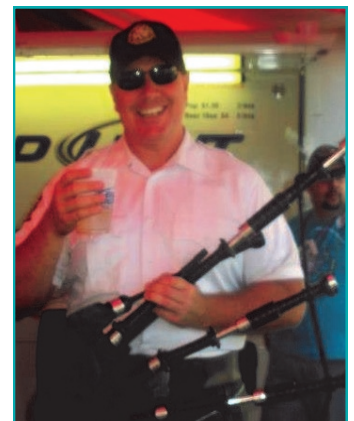
Bloody Bill
The Pirate King

*Lights are blowing in the palm trees, Stockings hanging from the mast
Santa riding on a dolphin, Don't you want to make it
Don't you want to make it last*



*Suntanned children sleeping, Hoping Santa will come true
Christmas morning marlin leaping, Oh it's papa's birthday
Mister Buffett's birthday too!*

*It's Christmas in the Caribbean, Snowbirds fill the air
It's Christmas in the Caribbean, Good feelings everywhere
We don't live in a hurry, Send away for mistletoe
It's Christmas in the Caribbean, Got everything but snow*



Billy Brehm

Mark Your Calendar!

Official Club Events:

- March 9th, Saturday: Wolves Hockey Game @ All State Arena in Rosemont. - 7pm



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Brandy Slush

Ingredients:

- 5 Cups boiling water
- 4 tea bags
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (16oz) frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 (16oz) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 2 cups brandy (or rum?)
- 1 (2 liter) bottle 7up

Mixing Instructions:

Steep tea in 2 cups boiling water for 10 minutes. Remove teabags and pour in remaining 3 cups boiling water and stir in sugar until dissolved. Stir in lemonade concentrate and orange juice concentrate. Once slightly cooled, pour in brandy. Freeze overnight in quart size freezer zip lock baggies or plastic container.

To serve, scoop desired amount into glass, then fill glass with 7up and stir.



Greeting From Your Cruise Director - Karen Boylan

Sorry everyone the month got away from me.

More socials for January will be posted soon on the yahoo group and Club Facebook page, but mark your calendars for:

OFFICIAL CLUB SOCIAL: 20 Degrees & The Hockey Games On. **Saturday March 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Since many of are missing the NNHL we need a hockey fix. Lucky for us in the Chicago we have another professional team – Wolves. We are going to the Wolves Game. Saturday March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the All State Arena in Rosemont. Tickets are \$21.50 each. Please sign up with Karen Boylan by the February Meeting if you are interested in attending.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

WHAT IS EVERYONE DOING ? IS THERE INTEREST IN A GET TOGETHER?



We spent New Year's Day with brunch at Trader Todd's but any one want to celebrate the Mayan's getting it wrong and ring in 2013. Let me know ideas, thoughts and suggestions.



Road Trip Updates

Here are some details and websites with info on upcoming road trips some of your fellow Members are taking to other clubs' events.

Pardi Gras – Jan 17 – 20, 2013 NEW ORLEANS, LA

There are only about 30 spaces left to register for Pardi Gras, the Trop Rock event of the year for four years running some of the performers we have seen locally are going to the big easy including Jerry Diaz, John Friday, Brett Burns, Jim Hoehn, Boat Drunks, and a dozen or so more musician. Our own Pardi Gras parade. \$70 is the registration for a shirt and admission to four days of music. There is also the Krewe de Vieux traditional Mardi Gras parade this weekend. More info at www.pardi-gras.com

Island Beach Bash – February 23, 2013 Rockford Illinois

While details are still coming this is usually at Giovanni's in Rockford and has featured Pirates Over 40 and Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. Last year nearly 30 of us went to help our neighbors the Sharks on the Rock raise money for Special Olympics. Many have made this an annual tradition. www.islandbeachbash.com

Music On The Bay – Feb 28 – March 3, TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

A three day music festival featuring many trop rock favorite including Illinois own Boat Drunks and the Mr. Myers Band. There are too many to name but others that have passed through Chicago like Jack Mosely, Jim Hoehn and the Sauce Boss will be there.

<http://musiconthebay.org>

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



Misericordia Baking Day

Our annual Misericordia Baking Day was held on Saturday, December 1, 2012. It was a great way for those in attendance to start the holiday season. We had 20 Club members helping in the kitchens at Misericordia from 9:00 AM to 12 PM. The group headed to lunch afterwards at Fat Cat on Broadway in Chicago. The staff at Misericordia love when the Parrot Heads come and help in their kitchens. Sister Rosemary R.S.M. of Misericordia sends her special “Thank You” for all our support. For those who don’t know about this great place, Misericordia offers a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are physically challenged. By serving society’s most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia also serves the families who want the best for them, yet cannot provide it at home. We as a Club help Misericordia fulfill its mission through several events throughout the year – Candy Days in the spring, Family Fest in the fall and Baking Days in the winter.

Listed below are days to keep open next year for service to Misericordia. Watch our website and monthly newsletters for more information on these and other events.

Candy Day Saturday, April 27, 2013. We work the corner of 22nd street & Finley in the Downers Grove/Lombard area.

Family Fest Sunday, September 8, 2013. We work the beer tent for this event on the grounds of Misericordia.

Baking Day Saturday, December 7, 2013. (Tentative)



Additionally, we will be collecting Hawaiian shirts for the residences at Misericordia at our meeting in February.



Meeting of the Minds “Bring Back The Magic”

will be held in Key West, Florida from October 30th – November 3rd.
Registration opens the first week of January 2013.

<http://www.phip.com/MOTM.asp>

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy Hanukah,
Merry Christmas and
Happy Kwanza to all.
I think I got most covered



December is the month of family, friends good times great food and plenty to drink mainly because of FAMILY!!!!

My best memory of Christmas morning was getting up before Mom & Dad and shaking the presents under the tree to guess what might be in them...

Well one year when I was probably around 6 or 7 I shook the first present and to my surprise about 120 crayons fell right out the bottom of the of the package didn't have to guess anymore. I was so shocked and scared that I was not going to get to keep them that I tried really hard to stuff them back in and hide the evidence way under the tree. When we finally got to open our gifts I picked up the box and all the crayons fell out. Best laid plans of a 6 yr. old. They knew... We laughed about that for many years to come and even when I was in my 20's I was still shaking packages and guessing what might be in them. All in all I believe most of the time we never grow up just get older.

Enjoy the season and be thankful for the blessings that came your way this year



For those celebrating a Birthday screw the drink responsibly just don't get behind the wheel!

Tim Hammond	12/20
Karen Driessen	12/21
Kim Block	12/27
Micky Clauser	12/27
Jim Whaley	1/1
Brian McVey	1/1
Jeff Smith	1/2
Cam Needham	1/8
Wayne Skopek	1/15

FINZ UP TO ALL !

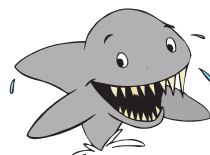
Are you missing from our Birthday List ? If your Birthday is not listed that means I NEED IT !

Please email me right away so I have your information !

I'm sorry if I missed you! THANKS SO MUCH !

To all I wish you and great Holiday and the best that 2013 has to offer

Vicki
Your Membership Diva







Sharon Klupar-Secretary



Rob Fitzpatrick -Treasurer



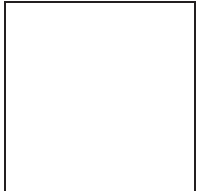
Joe Klen-Communications Director

The Midwest Caribbean Association/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 MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

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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