

# From the Captain's Chair

#### Captains Logbook

One hundred eighth entry: December 20, 2017

Tis with a heavy heart that in the season of joy we must commit one of our own to Davy Jones' locker. While she fought mightily as an Officer, and as a crewmate, alas...the wicked cancer horde has taken another soul from our roster. We shall remember her as we make merry, for in her passing, we always remember those that still sail the seas with us. Therefore, fare thee well Micky, and to our mates with us here and scattered to the wind...Cheers, Merry Christmas, and happy holidays to ye all.



Billy Brehm Our Pirate King

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King

Sail on the horizons gotta landfall rendezvous, Captain steers a well-known course, he steers straight & true As he trims the sheets, he sings a song, He learned on boats and bars

Sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour 'neath the stars, He's traveled through the doldrums, typhoons and hurricanes He's logged a million soggy miles with water on his brain, But Christmas is the season better suited for dry land He'll tell some lies, meet some spies, And dance barefoot in the sand

The sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour on the hook, Caye con les, no work today, let's shell the ol' log book The waterfront is reveling, the season has begun, The sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour having fun.

There's a party down at Le Selecte, music, rum and cheers, Faces in the shadows, God, I haven't seen for years A mast & shroud fill with lights, Neath the waning of the moon They're an airy celebration in the realm of King Neptune.

Jesus was a fisherman who walked upon the sea, The North Pole is ocean's remote frozen balcony The continents keep drifting but the children sing and play,'Cause nothing really matters, after all it's Christmas day

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Chicago Parrothead Members

Our group collected over 200 lbs of goodies for our troops last month. Several members helped stuff Christmas stocking recently for our soldiers A big thank you to all who provided the goodies and for those who helped with the stocking

#### Social Events

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December 29th: 6-10 P.M. Beach Bum Band at the Blue Chip Casino. Michigan City, Indiana. Still have money left over after Christmas shopping? Need to win some spending cash back? Well, you can try your luck while listening to the BBB at the same time!

Sunday: December 31<sup>st</sup>: Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers with Huey Lewis and the News. 9 P.M. Bridgestone Arena, Nashville Tennessee.

### **January 19-21: BAREFOOT CHILDREN IN THE SAND PARROT HEAD** WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

Benefitting Corvilla and Gateway Services. At the St. Joseph Silver Beach Hotel and Czar's Nightclub. Jimmy and the Parrots headline the party Saturday night and Red Deluxe headline Friday night. Room crawl, Best Decorated Room and Best Drink contests, trivia contest, Hallway party, auctions, fun and music all weekend.

January 20<sup>th</sup>: Navy Pier Phlocking and Crawl: 11:00 A.M. It may be chilly outside on a blustery, January, Chicago day...but it's always 80 degrees and sunny inside our minds....and Margaritaville on Navy Pier! Come join the Chicago Parrotheads and we roam the pier, enjoy some fantastic company, and a drink or two....or three...or four! This is a simple crawl, as all of the locations are right inside Navy Pier...just a hop, skip or jump away from the other stops. The route will be announced soon in case you want to join up with us at a specific time...and we'll TRY to stick to the schedule...but no promises! We would like to stand out as a group, so we ask you to wear your Parrothead best. If anyone has a suggestion for a theme (other than a basic parrot head theme) please share!

February <u>3rd</u>: Chicago History Museum Trip and Social: Noon. We are taking a trip to the Chicago History Museum! More details to come. I wanted to put this out here early because there is a Groupon (price may fluctuate) available for the Chicago History Museum right now. If you've never seen this hidden gem of a museum....you won't be disappointed. (Yes, this is Superbowl Sunday, but kickoff isn't until 6:30 P.M. so we have plenty of time.)

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February 17th: Cider Summit Chicago: 11:00 A.M. CIDER, Y'ALL!!! We are heading back to the Chicago Cider Summit on Navy Pier. We purchased tickets for the 11 A.M session, because....day drinking! 6th annual Cider Summit Chicago, featuring over 150 ciders including regional favorites and international classics. General admission tickets include a souvenir tasting glass, 15 tasting tickets and a donation to Heartland Alliance. \$30 if purchased before January 15, 2018, \$35 if purchased after. Tickets MUST be purchased online ahead of time. No ticket sales are made at the event.

# Not Official Parrot Head Events, but Fun Stuff

### Local Music

Todd Donnelly Dec 22 – Pier 290, Williams Bay, WI

Flip Flop Dave Potbelly Restaurant – Plainfield – Mon & Wed Potbelly Restaurant – Joliet – Tues & Thurs

## Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band

Dec 29 – Blue Chip Casinio, Michigan City, IN

Mr. Myers No Dates Listed

South of Disorder No Dates Listed

Pirates Over 40 No Dates Listed

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Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



We are rounding out another year that was jammed with great music, fun socials and the best people to hang around. The Chicago Parrothead Club is the best. Don't you agree?

Thanks for supporting the club to make this such a stellar year.

Remember if you have moved, married or just needed a change for some reason I need to know so that your info can be kept up to date.

Wishing you all the best in 2018 in hopes your next trip around the sun is beyond your expectations.



Wishing all that are "Growing old but not up" a Very Happy birthday

Tim Hammond **December 20** December 25 **Jimmy Buffett** Kim Block December 27 **Micky Clauser** December 27 Sail On Micky we miss you!

Jim Whaley **Randy Wayne** Cam Needham Laura Duplar Judith Pepe Ellen Keeline Wayne Skopek

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### Nothing but the best of wishes to you all Happy Birthday

Vicki Kerr

**Membership Diva** 





Jennifer Perkins





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# The Pirate Hood - Charity Page Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Parrot Heads!!

This has been an outstanding year for the Chicago Parrot Head Club. We started in January with Northern Illinois Food Drive and ended the year with Toys for Tots in December. I cannot thank everyone enough for the "Time, Talent and Treasure" you all have given to our Club and all its Charities. The Crew is working on a report for PHIP (it is required every 6 months) cataloging the money and hours, along with many other things each club does during the year. Billy is working on this important final report and when completed I will pass on to the Club.

Registration for MOTM 2018 IS OPENING Friday morning December 15th at 12:00 noon EST!!

We expect this to be another great year of celebration and reunion!! The title of this year's event is "We are the People Our Parent's Warned Us About!" You know who you are! Here is the link to register for the 27th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS 2018 starting this Friday December 15 at 12:00 noon EST: http://www.phip.com/motmregistration

You know I will be one of the first to register for MOTM 2018, and I look forward to others joining the festivities.

We gained many new Parrot Heads this year and unfortunately have lost some too. To those we have lost, we say, "sail on our friends, you will not be forgotten". And those who have joined the flock welcome to this crazy group.

As a member of the Club it has been my pleasure serving as Charity Director for 2017 and look forward to continue in 2018.

Bob Noonan (AKA—Mayor of MOTM) Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter Page 5

#### Pilothouse Crew

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**Renee Fliss-Secretary** 



Teresa Carter - Treasurer

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 guestions 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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Joe Klen-Communications Director



# Micky Clauser - We'll Miss You!

Micky was not only a long time club member, who joined the club about the same time I did, but also served on the Crew for a long time with me as our Secretary! She was our first ever recipient of the Club Member for Life honor, and although she fought cancer for many years, it

never slowed her down or knocked her out. She worked up until just last year in LaGrange in the

Clerks Office. Even in the toughest times, she persevered to be upbeat and support our club, as well as finding someone special in Bob. When



I married them, I had never seen her so happy! She will always be remembered by her quick wit, her laugh, her smile, and her willingness to help others (especially with her sewing skills!). She was taken way too young at only 58, but we will see her again smiling from the other side....sail on Micky.

