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Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

One hundred thirty-fourth entry: February 19 2020

As I walk the decks and scan the horizon, there bit a bit of something in the air. Detectable but like a whisp. The couples of the crew are closer, friends are gathering, candles, wine, and hearts be abound...or is it the gathering music of Mardi Gras and the gluttony of food and drink I hear! Fat Tuesday be approaching as we celebrate for various reasons, and for those of us gathered here, we celebrate our friendship and the coming of Spring and warmer weather. Enjoy a paczki, raise a glass and an extra ration of rum, eat to ye hearts content, and cheers to ye all as we sail into a great year! I'll be doing the same as a spy the southern islands in search of booty. Laissez les bons temps rouler, Parrotheads!



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King

What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is a tradition that dates back thousands of years to pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, including the raucous Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

When Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders decided to incorporate these popular local traditions into the new faith, an easier task than abolishing them altogether. As a result, the excess and debauchery of the Mardi Gras season became a prelude to Lent, the 40 days of fasting and penance between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Along with Christianity, Mardi Gras spread from Rome to other European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and England.

Mardi is the French word for Tuesday, and gras means "fat." In France, the day before Ash Wednesday came to be known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday."

Traditionally, in the days leading up to Lent, merrymakers would binge on all the rich, fatty foods—meat, eggs, milk, lard, cheese—that remained in their homes, in anticipation of several weeks of eating only fish and different types of fasting.

The word carnival, another common name for the pre-Lenten festivities, also derives from this feasting tradition: in Medieval Latin, carnelevarium means to take away or remove meat, from the Latin carnem for meat.



Social Navigators

Yo-Ho Cheryl & Flip Flop Dave

Summertime...

And the livin' is easy..

Party with a Purpose



Chicago Parrothead Events:

February 22nd: Chicago Cider Summit Navy Pier Grand Ballroom 12:00 PM: Party with a purpose as you support Heartland Alliance! Get your tickets for the noon session! This started with a small group, and has grown in popularity each year! What better way to beat cabin fever than by hanging out with your friends at Navy Pier, looking at Lake Michigan, and sipping some cider? They have also added a lot of "Apple Spirits" to the fest, so if cider isn't your thing...you have choices! (You can also buy a "designated driver ticket" if you aren't interested in cider...just come hang out with phriends! We will most likely land up at Margaritaville afterwards!)

February 22:National Margarita Day at Chicago's Margaritaville Bar and Grill: It's the most wonderful day of the year! Join in the party here at Margaritaville! Learn to make a margarita just like we do at Margaritaville University, and walk away with your very own diploma! At 5PM, join our toast to the greatest beverage at The Great Margarita Toast! Plus, we'll have \$3.99 Traditional Margaritas (add a Gran Gala float for \$2 more!) and \$5.99 Fried Pickles all day long!

February 22: Blue Island Bash with Tropixplosion: 7-10 PM Double Play Saloon: 13011 Western Ave Blue Island. The TROPIXPLOSION Quartet comes to Double Play for the first time - 3 hours of Tropical Rock & Steel Drums!

February 27th: Mike Nash Solo Show: Elmhurst Brewing Company: 8:00 PM.171 N Addison Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126 Mike Nash (Southern Drawl Band) is coming through Chicago and dropping into Elmhurst Brewing Company for a one night show! There is no cover charge for this show and we all know Thursday is the new Friday! Come on our for some great live music where you will hear lots of originals and that southern trop rock sound!

March 6th-7th Spring Fling: 2020 Bretz Wildlife Winery 15469 State Road 127 Carlyle IL. Friday features The Blonde Stranger, JD Edge and a special guest plus an opening act of the Blonde Strangers for \$20 which includes draft Bud/Busch Light. Saturday features Danny Rosado and the headliner later Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band for @25. also includes draft Bud/Busch Light and FRIED CHICKEN!!! GET BOTH NIGHTS FOR \$40 !!! Best deal in town for a chicken and beer dance and for a GREAT PURPOSE!

March 14: Danny Rosado House Concert: 190 Wright Dr, Lake in the Hills, IL 4:00 invite Music starts around 5-5:30, Food will be provided. BYO Drink of choice. \$20 donation for the performer. Indoor event, unless we get warmer weather. RSVP appreciated (for food and space planning) ptpradioshow@gmail.com



An Inaugural Ball to Celebrate Bill Brehm's PHIP Presidency

Saturday, April 18, 2020
6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Downers Grove Moose Lodge

Celebrate the inauguration of the Chicago Parrot Head Club president, Bill Brehm, as the new President of Parrot Heads in Paradise!

Join us for an evening of fun listening and dancing to Bill's favorite music, and show your support for Bill as he begins his 2-year term leading this international Parrot Head organization.

Registration is \$25* per person and includes a buffet meal provided by DiLeo's Catering of Elmhurst.

Cash Bar
Buffett Memorabilia Raffle
Each attendee will receive one free raffle ticket!

All proceeds will benefit the Lone Palm Foundation.

Summer Chill
August 4-6th, 2020

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Just an FYI according to the calendar spring is only 4 weeks away. The cold doesn't bother us anyway I have seen plenty of fun activities going on to chase the winter blues away. Keep up the good work social director Cheryl and thanks for the work you put in planning and organizing. Let's give a Parrot Head welcome to our newest members to our fun filled Phamily:

Michael & Diane Fitzgerald

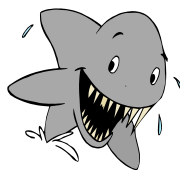


You do know" We are the people your parents warned you about"



A big happy Birthday to all celebrating another trip around the sun

Haley Warren	February 23	David Kibitlewski	March 1
Greg Bond	February 25	Maurine Siegel	March 3
Steve Rossdeutcher	February 27	Mickey Kappel	March 6
Anne Dorminey	February 28	Larry McLaughlin	March 9
		Dave Folger	March 10
		Joe Sebek	March 11
		Pat Stefan	March 16



Cheers,

**Vicki Kerr
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Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



The New Year started off with us giving to others. We donated many gently used Hawaiian-type shirts to Misericordia. The residents love wearing them for special occasions. Speaking of Misericordia, they are asking our club to work Candy Days for them again this year. Misericordia Candy Days is being held on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25th all over Chicagoland street corners. We traditionally only work the Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. I have discussed it with the Crew, and we feel we would like to help them again this year. We will have some discussion on this at February meeting. I will have a sign up sheets at both March and April meeting. You can also email to get on the list. We are looking for two hours shifts starting at 9 AM on Saturday April 25, 2020.

We collected non-perishable food for the Northern Illinois Food Party at our January meeting. Our club donated a total of 43 Pound of food and \$371.00 in cash! Great job, Parrot Heads. And a special thank you to Barb and Jeff Siegman for delivering our food and cash to the Geneva location.

The Parrot Heads of Michiana and Blossomland Pirates Parrot Head Club held their annual event "Barefoot Children in the Sand" in St. Joseph Michigan January 24-26, 2020. Many of our Chicago club members attend the weekend event. They raised over \$8, 500 for two charities, "Hello Gorgeous" and "Blue Star Mothers of SW Michigan." Another successful "Party with a Purpose".

As a club, we have talked about moving our efforts and our Alzheimer's walk to a Suburban location. I have listed the location of Alzheimer's Walks and the dates. Please give me or the crew input on your option of where we want to walk.

They are the following:

Chicago	10-10-20	Saturday
Crystal Lake	10-4-20	Sunday
Elk Grove Village	10-4-20	Sunday
Joliet	9-26-20	Saturday
Lombard	10-3-20	Sunday
Orland Park	10-3-20	Saturday
St Charles	9-26-20	Saturday

Please get back to the Crew or to me on preferred location. I need to get our team registered for the 2020 Alzheimer's Walk.

The Meeting of the Minds 2020, "Party at the End of the World" will run from October 29 thru November 1, 2020 and will be held again in Key West Florida. Registration is open!!!! You must be a member of a Parrot Head club at the time of Registration and while attending MOTM. This should be a particularly festive MOTM for Chicago Area Parrot Heads since it will be the first one with our president, Billy Brehm, as national president of PHIP (Parrot Heads in Paradise).

I was lucky (and some other members, too) were lucky enough to find a round trip, direct flight to Key West for \$408.00 on American. That is one of the cheapest fare I have gotten in the many years I have attended. It looks as if we will have a record number of club members attending MOTM 2020; we have about 18 members signed up and its still 8 months away. It's a great time to go, as Chicago is getting colder at that time of year.

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



Renee Fliss-Secretary



Mike LaGioia -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

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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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Get Ready for Summer Chill 2020 Aug 6th - 9th