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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

One hundred forty-sixth entry: February 17, 2021

I have my ship and all my flags are a flyin! Word has struck the coconut telegraph that our gathering in the Port O' Chicago is running as planned. Pirates near and far will be converging for the cause and sharing in our good deeds. Troubadours be making their way to our shores. It be proud times for the fleet! And what better way to celebrate our success than with some drink making, music from the eastern shores, and a little Mardi Gras spirit. Methinks this season was made for us. First Mardi gras and then in March, as luck would have it we meet again on St. Patrick's Day! The winds of change be upon us and the sun on my face shows me the way to brighter days. Soon we shall share a glass, and for now, a paczki, a king cake, a hurricane, and then on to the guinness and whiskey! Laissez le bon temps Rouler, my phriends!

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King of Mardi Gras



Billy Brehm

Our Pirate King



PHIP President

10 Best Mardi Gras Traditions to Celebrate the Carnival Season

If you've never heard of a krewe or king cake, this is for you.

For many, the reasons behind the well-known traditions of Mardi Gras—the purple, green, and gold festival that happens each year before Lent—remain shrouded in mystery. From decadent invitation-only balls to the masked identities of krewe kings and queens, the deep traditions of one of the world's biggest parties are part of the reason why Mardi Gras is so incredibly captivating and why many of these events have stood the test of time.

Though Mardi Gras is always the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the New Orleans carnival season actually begins in January. This means there are many opportunities to catch the flambeaux (read on for more about these brilliant flame-wielders) and devour as many king cakes as you can. And you can always expect the unexpected at a Mardi Gras celebration (even the date fluctuates due to the same reasons behind Easter's shifting dates). check out our roundup of virtual Mardi Gras events to help keep the Margi Gras spirit alive and well!

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10 Best Mardi Gras Traditions to Celebrate the Carnival Season... continued

1 Mardi Gras Balls

Grand balls are thrown by krewes—the social organizations that put together events during Carnival—in a tradition that's more than 150 years old. They're often invitation-only affairs, although some public balls are now available. More than 100 balls take place during Carnival and are usually evenings of formal dress, debutante introductions, and more.

2 Flambeaux

These torch-bearers light the way for parades while providing entertainment through captivating spins and twirls. The tradition dates back to 1857 and is still practiced in Mardi Gras parades today.

3 King Cake

The brightly colored king cakes have roots in the biblical story of the three kings bringing gifts to baby Jesus. The treat is somewhere between a coffee cake and a cinnamon roll and is always decorated with the Mardi Gras colors. Hiding inside is a tiny plastic baby. Whoever gets it in their slice has to either bring the cake next time or throw a party.

4 Mardi Gras Colors

Vivid shades of green, purple, and gold are displayed throughout any Mardi Gras celebration. They're said to have originated in 1872 by the New Orleans Krewe of Rex and were later made official during a parade called "The Symbolism of Colors." Green is said to stand for faith, purple means justice, and gold represents power.

5 Throwing Beads

One of the most recognizable aspects of Mardi Gras is throwing beads. Mardi Gras "throws" is what it's called when parade floats toss beads and trinkets into the crowd. Each krewe throws out something different—including stuffed animals, doubloons, and even coconuts—but beads are usually thrown by all.

6 Wearing Masks

Masks were first worn at Mardi Gras celebrations so that wearers could mingle with anyone, regardless of class. Today, the tradition holds strong. Those on floats are actually legally bound to wear masks that conceal their identities.

7 Parades and Floats

Each parade is supposed to have a theme, which can be derived from history, children's stories, mythology, entertainment, and more. The floats built by krewes then reflect the theme and range in scale and spectacle.

8 Marching Bands

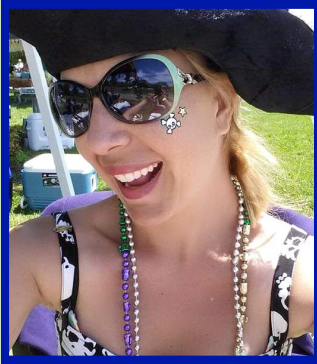
Just like any New Orleans parade, marching bands come out in droves for Mardi Gras processions. These range from high school, college, military bands, and more and make it impossible for onlookers to not dance along.

9 Mardi Gras Indians

This tradition began when African Americans, who were once kept out of many mainstream krewes, began throwing parades of their own. The outfit is a nod to the Native Americans who helped protect enslaved people running for freedom.

10 Sitting on Ladders

You might find colorfully decorated ladders throughout a Mardi Gras parade route. While it's become a tradition, it's rooted in practicality: They help kids see the parade, too.



Yo-Ho Cheryl / T-Rex

Social Navigators

*Summertime...
And the livin' is easy..*

Party with a Purpose



Mario

February 18th @6:30 PM Chicago PHC Radio Trop Rock Power Hour(s):

The Chicago Parrothead Club is taking over Radio Trop Rock!

For OFFICIAL Club Members (not just Facebook followers) who would like to send in a request, please respond to the club email. In the email I will ask for your name, and your request. I will compile the list, and forward it to Eric and Gina Babin.

I can't promise that ALL requests will be played, but if you do hear your song, don't forget to "tip" by hitting that "donate" button on Radio Trop Rock's website/app!

February 21st @ 1 o'clock. Hala Kahiki Mai Tai Making:

Hey Chicago Parrotheads! Exciting news! We have set up a drink making class with the owner of Hala Kahiki! We are going to go to Hala February 21st. Just tune into our Facebook live stream. And if you would like to make the drinks along with our bartender, I will post the ingredient list. There will also be special deals on Hala Kahiki merchandise, just for our club members! All aloha shirts and dresses are 25% off! Also, just for the members, our logo labeled square stoneware mug is only \$20.00 - (\$22.20 with tax) We will figure out how to arrange sales and payment in the near future. 😊

Here are the ingredients for the 3 drinks we will be learning to make...

The 1944 Mai Tai

Build in shaker with small amount of ice (we use flaked/crushed ice)

- 1oz Appleton Signature
- 1oz Clement VSOP
- 1oz Orange Curacao
- 3/4oz Orgeat
- 1/4oz Sugar
- Juice of 1/2 a lime

Shake with ice, pour entire contents (including ice) into glass.

Garnish with drink stirrer, and the husk of the 1/2 of lime with a mint sprig stuck through it to look like a palm tree on a very small island.

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Hala Kahiki Mai Tai Making... *continued*

The Big Island Mai Tai

Build in glass over cubed ice

- 1oz Passion Fruit Juice
- 1oz Orange Juice
- 1oz Pineapple Juice
- 1/2oz Lime Juice
- 1/2oz Orgeat
- 1/2oz Falernum - we use JD Taylor

On Top 2oz Dark Rum - we use Koloa Dark

Garnish with Drink Stirrer, Pineapple Slice & Fronds

The Chi Tai

Build in shaker with cubed ice

- 1oz Spiced Rum (we use Chairmans Reserve)
- 1oz Aged Rum (we use Don Q Anejo)
- 1/2oz Malort
- 3 dashes orange bitters
- 3/4oz Orgeat
- 3/4oz Lime Juice

Strain contents into glass with 1 large ice cube in it.

Garnish with an orchid, drink stirrer, pineapple fronds.

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Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Tic Tok Tic Tok does it feel like it is the slowest clock towards warm weather.
 Thanks to all the responded to my post about emails. I hope I got you all hooked up.
 So, if you are reading this and not getting club emails please email me at vickikerr8702@gmail.com and we will take care of the problem.



Happy Birthday to all our Phriends celebrating their special day!



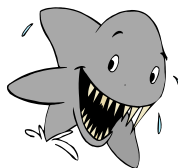
To all celebrating your special day **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Bob Endre February 18
Tom Tanton February 18
Haley Warren February 23
Greg Bond February 25
Steve Rossdeutcher February 27
Anne Dorminey February 28

David Kibitlewski March 1
Mo Siegel March 3
Mickey Kappel March 6
Larry McLaughlin March 9
Dave Fogler March 10
Joe Sebek March 11
Pat Stefan March 16

Hope you have the best ay and year ever....
 Till we see each other again know that I miss each and everyone of you and sending.

Love Hope and Hugs.
Vicki Kerr
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In Loving Memory



Tribute

SAYING GOODBYE

Life, you never know how much time you have left.

Kimberly S. Hackemer

August 14, 1968 - January 28, 2021



Sail on Kimberly Hackemer



The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan & sidekick—Cheryl Wegner



Time to clean out those shelves! We'll be collecting new/gently used books, DVDs and CDs throughout the month of February to support a wonderful literacy program in Chicago called Open Books. <https://www.open-books.org/support/>

A few facts about the impact of this literacy program:

- Kids with low literacy skills can be predisposed to drop out of high school by the time they reach the 4th grade
- Middle income kids own an average of 13 books, while some low-income neighborhoods average 1 book per 300 kids

Many low-income areas are literacy deserts with no libraries or bookstores accessible

There are three ways to support this initiative:

- Donate books: The children's books you donate will go right to the kids, and the adult books/DVDs/CDs will be sold at their bookstores to fund the children's program. Any and all books are accepted.
- Donate money: Open Books has partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination library to provide books to kids in need. They will send the children one book a month (mailed right to their homes!) from age 0-5 years for a \$25 donation.

Buy books for yourself or for the program directly through Open Books:

<https://openbooks.secure-chrislands.com/>

<https://www.open-books.org/giftofbooks/>

Pack your stuff into brown paper grocery bags. No contact porch drops off before February 28, at:

- Elk Grove Village at the Farrell's 598 Middlebury, Elk Grove Village
- Franklin Park at the Brehm's 2707 Elder Lane, Franklin Park
- Downers Grove at the McLaughlin's 2420 College Rd. Downers Grove
- Joliet at the Sheridan's 1122 N. Center St. Joliet

Please let us know if you make a monetary donation directly to Open Books so that we can track the club's impact.

Alzheimer's Walk 2021- Elk Grove Village

We have our Alzheimer's Team all registered and ready to accept team members. We will be walking in the Elk Grove Walk on Sunday Oct 3, 2021, as we planned last year. As of this date, Alzheimer's Association will be planning walks all over the country.

You can go and register at the following: act.alz.org/goto/chicagoparrotheads

and become part of the Chicago Parrot Head Walk team. When you register make sure you sign up for the Elk Grove Walk. The Chicago Walk as not been set yet.

Spread the Word

Walk to End Alzheimer's Facebook Fundraiser, schedule tweets, and find sample email messages to help you recruit supporters.

Get the Mobile App

Install the [Walk mobile app](#) so that you can fundraise on-the-go, manage your Facebook Fundraiser, send text messages to friends and family, and more.

Thank you for supporting those facing the disease and helping us advance our vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

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

Cheryl Wegner - Charity Assistant



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

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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Congratulations



Billy Brehm!

Our re-elected

PHIP President