



# Chicago Parrot Head News



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## From the Captain's Chair

### Captains Logbook

One hundred forty-fifth entry: January 20, 2021

*Avast and make way Ye scurvy dogs! The Crew has met and we be making plans to move into 2021 with a vengeance! 2020 may have held us back and we miss our fellow mates, but this time we are prepared! We expect the doldrums to continue, but with increased vaccines and changes in attitudes, hopefully it will change our latitude and get us back to our home port.*

*Expect a lot of information across the coconut telegraph. We welcome assistants to the Crew and new ideas as we prepare to send aid as best we can, gather doubloons and items for the needy, and ways to stay in touch while far apart.*

*As Summer comes, we shall raise a flagon in person, we hope, but until then...we raise them from afar and hold the black flag ready to be unfurled. Me may be walking the decks alone, but you are all in our thoughts as we prepare to set sail again.*



**Billy Brehm**  
Our Pirate King

*Billy Brehm, the Pirate King*

*Perhaps no symbol is more iconic than the eerie skull and crossbones of a Jolly Roger flag or pirate flag as it is often referred to. There is more to this infamous image than meets the eye; for the flag of a pirate was far more complex than what popular culture portrays. Here's some interesting flag facts and trivia about pirate flags that you might not know!*

### *Pirates Used Flags to be Sneaky*

*The pirate flag was not flown at all times. Pirate ships would fly flags of other nations to trick incoming vessels, and when the ships were close enough, only then would the crew raise their Jolly Roger as a warning to surrender.*

### *Execution Due to Flag-Ownership*

*Can you imagine a flag being so influential and feared that a person could be sentenced to death just by owning one? During the Golden Age of Piracy, simply owning a pirate flag was illegal. Since there was no reason for someone who wasn't a pirate to own the flag, the individual in question would be assumed a pirate, a crime for which the punishment was death.*

*Continued...*

## Skull and Crossbones... continued

### *Before the Skull and Crossbones*

Early versions of pirate flags were actually solid red or black. Privateers would traditionally fly a red flag to let incoming ships know they were not associated with the Royal Navy. Since many of these privateers eventually became pirates, it was only natural that they would choose to keep the red flag.

Pirates were known to use red flags as a sign that they would show no mercy to their enemies.

Black flags, on the other hand, were a more welcoming sight to the pirates' victims. Although being attacked by pirates was never a good thing, a black flag signified that the pirates would allow their victims a peaceful surrender.

### *Pirates Had Personalized Flags*

We're all familiar with the skull and crossbones, but did you know there were multiple renditions of pirate flags? Almost every pirate ship had a unique flag design suited to the captain's particular taste, and it was extremely rare for two pirates to have the same flag. With the most common symbols being skulls and skeletons, other popular themes were blood, swords, and hourglasses (symbolizing the enemy's incoming death). All struck fear in their victims, making them more likely to surrender their booty.



Bart Roberts



Edward Lowe



Jack Rackham



Pirate Dulin



Henry Avery (Every)



Edward Teach (Blackbeard)



Black Bart Roberts



Thomas Tew



Richard Worley



Stede Bonnett



Christopher Condent



Christopher Moody



Emanuel Wynn



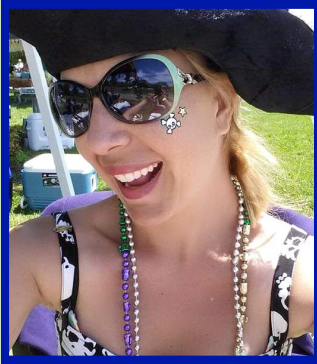
J. Quelch



Pirate Quelch



Pirate Captains



*Yo-Ho Cheryl / T-Rex*

## *Social Navigators*

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

### Party with a Purpose



*Mario*

**Please stay tuned for some fun Zoom social ideas!  
Coming soon....**

- Zoom social on February 6th
- Drink Contest
- Cocktail Making

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, please feel free to reach out and share them with us!

Here is your drink of the month. Since I do not drink whiskey, I made this for a friend and got a rave review.

### *Blackberry Fireball Whiskey Fizz*

- ½ Cup Fresh Blackberries (it is key to use fresh)
- 3 oz Fireball
- Ginger Ale Soda

- \* Muddle the blackberries with 1 tablespoon water.
- \* Then with a mesh strainer drain the juice into a glass push with a spoon to get all the juice out.
- \* Pour your fireball into a glass and then the blackberry juice add ice and top with ginger ale. Yields 2 drinks.

*Cheers and enjoy!*

*Drink recipe by Vicki Kerr*

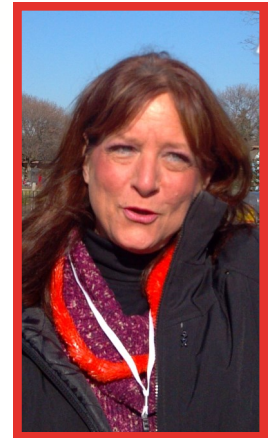
# Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



We all miss your smiling faces. I have nothing much to report to you.

I will be doing an email sweep on FEB. 15th.

So... if you have not renewed your membership by then you will be removed from club emails. Not trying to be nasty but the emails are for members only. If you have paid and are not receiving emails, please email me so I can hook you up. [vickikerr8702@gmail.com](mailto:vickikerr8702@gmail.com)



Thanks, we do try to keep you all in the loop but sometimes stuff falls thru the cracks.



Happy Birthday to all our Phriends celebrating their special day!

Susi Camp  
Jeff Smith

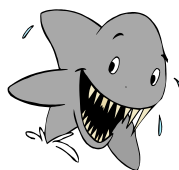
January 23  
January 26

Susan Hill  
Donna Halfpenny  
Mike Hardesty  
Diane Fitzgerald  
Kevin Marren

February 1  
February 2  
February 6  
February 10  
February 12

I give you all permission to Party like a Rockstar for a whole month.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Vicki Kerr  
Membership Diva  
Chicago Parrot Head Club



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The Pirate Hood - Charity Page  
Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan  
& sidekick—Cheryl Wegner



Hey Phriends-  
Our club has been busy doing what we do best—helping those in need!  
December. We collected 182 coats for the Salvation Army coat drive. Bravo you all—that's 182 people you've help keep warm

this winter!

January-Virtual Food Drive for Northern IL Food Bank. Money is being collected until the end of January.

*Our club is holding it's annual food drive this month, and the Northern Illinois Food Bank needs our help more than ever. From their website-- "The Food Bank has been responding to the increased need in our communities since mid-March. In June through September, they have provided 9M meals monthly, an increase of 3M meals per month from last year at this time."*

*Any and all monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Donate money only (no actual food) directly to the Food Bank under The Chicago Parrothead Club team by clicking either link below.*

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/fundraisers/team/872180/>

or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/407048077235767/>

*Feel free to share these links with friends and family!*



*Linda McLaughlin, Cheryl and Don Wegner dropping off coats to the Salvation Army*

**February - 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/>

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/>

*Gather up your stuff and pack it into brown paper grocery bags. No contact porch drop 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.**

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](mailto: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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