

# From the Captain's Chair

## Captaíns Logbook

One hundred thirteenth entry: May 16, 2018

It appears we have sailed through the doldrums and the sea is fair to make way. 80 feet of water line and 50 fathoms deep have us on course to hit our ports on time. We left the noisy bar behind us gathering loot to fight the dread pirate Al Zheimer. I'd gladly take the coin of any country as a privateer to rid the oceans of that fiend! Now on to the Summer months and vagabonds, before returning to our own sands to chill and raise more doubloons for our buckaneers in need. Welcome to the Caribbean mates and raise a dram of rum (Kraken will be just fine!)! This may be our best year ever!



Billy Brehm Our Pirate King

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King

## The Kraken

The Kraken dates back to at least 1752 and probably earlier. The word came to the English from Norwegian. The Norwegians called the Kraken, sykraken, sjökrakjen or sea-kraken. The Kraken is an enormous monster capable of pulling a ship and its crew under the sea in a single jerk. The Kraken has been around in movies for a while but it was not called a kraken in any of the movies until Pirates of the Caribbean II, Dead Man's Chest. The kraken also appeared in Mysterious Island and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, stories written by Jules Verne.

The kraken was always described as giant squid or octopus. Ancient whalers saw evidence of the kraken when they harvested sperm whale and saw suction cup marks similar to those of octopus or squids on the side of the whales. The kraken was always considered mythical, typically measuring as much as 200 or 300 feet in length. Today we know there may be real kraken in the ocean; however they do not reach lengths of 200 feet. The giant squid is believed to be a living example of a kraken. While the giant squid could not pull down a man-o-war, it would be big enough to capsize or sink a small boat and could easily kill a man if it chose to do so. Real krakens are giant squids reach a length of perhaps 46 feet.

Despite their tremendous size, Sperm whales seem to like to eat giant squid. It is possible that some of the early specimens of the kraken were those found in the stomachs of sperm whales after whalers had harpooned and gutted them. imagine the terror of finding bits of giant squid in the belly of sperm whale? Imagine sailors assuming the sperm whale ate the squid after a terrific battle. Knowing how many men sperm whales had killed while men hunted them, the sailors could only imagine the worst when seeing the remains of this horrific giant monster found within the whale.

#### Social Events

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# May 18-20: Riverwalk Chicago Summer Kickoff: Experience Chicago's second waterfront during a preview of summer programming including fireworks, tours, kayaking, Fishing at the Jetty, great food, live music and more. For a full lineup of events and offerings visit www.chicagoriverwalk.us The City of Chicago will preview and kick off summer programming along the Chicago Riverwalk during a public celebration on Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20, times vary. Activities include walking tours led by the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Fishing at the Jetty led by the Chicago Park District– and a pyrotechnic display on the LaSalle Street, Clark Street, Dearborn Street and State Street bridges. Chicago Riverwalk Summer Kick-Off Celebration activities are FREE unless otherwise noted. The Riverwalk is open to the public from 6 a.m.–11 p.m. throughout the year.

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Naperville Pirate Raid: Arriving anytime after 6:00pm, heck, arrive earlier for a crappy bar meal too! Trolleys leave 7:15 pm sharp. Captains toast at 6:59pm! Where? NEW PLACE! Your Neighbors Bar 931 W 75th St #173 Naperville IL 60565

Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>: Arlington Park Day at the Races with the Beach Bum Band: 1-5 p.m. Come on out to the races! Bet on some ponies and enjoy the music at Arlington Park!

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Island Party Hut with Flip Flop Dave and Todd Donnelly**: 12:00 PM | MUSIC by FLIP FLOP DAVE and 4:00 PM | MUSIC by TODD DONNELLY. 355 East Riverwalk South (between LSD and Columbus on the Riverwalk.) Our island paradise on the Chicago Riverwalk is filled with decor from Polynesia and the Caribbean, topped off with the sounds of island music.

**Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>: Chicago 5 O'Clock Somewhere Party**: 5-9 p.m. Iron Horse Saloon 6158 N Northwest Highway Come out for some music, food, drinks, and fun to benefit St. Patrick's High School honoring the memory of firefighter Lt. John Leonard. The Iron Horse Ale House is a cool neighborhood venue owned by a firefighter. Entertainment includes Flip Flop Dave and Donny Brewer at 5:00 followed by The Boat Drunks at 6:00. This party is sponsored by Margaritaville.

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Fins Up Tent Party: 11:00 A.M. 6343 W. Irving Park Road Chicago. Who doesn't like beer and live music?! Come on out to the park and enjoy an afternoon of Donny Brewer, Flip Flop Dave, Johnny Russler and Mike Shehan from the Beach Bum Band, and up-and-comer Isabella Stefania! This Margaritaville sponsored party will include food and beer for purchase, raffles, and music during the Fins Up Softball Tournament! All proceeds to benefit the kids at St. Patrick's High School in memory of firefighter Lt. John Leonard, brother of Margaritaville CEO, Dan Leonard.

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#### Membership

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Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Welcome to spring in Chicago. If we wait 5 mins the weather will change again but, it doesn't stop this group from having fun inside and out.

Seems to be plenty of fun activities planned to keep you out and about. Check your emails or the Facebook page to keep in the loop. With that said if you are not getting club emails on the yahoo group site please email. vickikerrs@yahoo.com.

We would like to <u>welcome new members</u>: Michael Walls Isabella Wielga Arthur Wielga Nick DiBenardo Diana Wielga





For all those growing old but not up we wish you a Rock star Birthday:

Kevin Eltoft	<b>May</b> 16
Mark Evinger	<b>May</b> 18
Tina Drzal	<b>May</b> 22
Carol DeSimone	<b>May</b> 27
Susan Mahoney	<b>May</b> 27
Don Rich	<b>May</b> 29
Judy Klen	<b>May</b> 29
Barb Siegman	<b>May</b> 31

h you a Rock star	<b>Birthday</b> :
Michael Walls	June 2
John Sheridan	June 3
Bev Kleinman	June 8
Jay Eigel	June 8
Tom Carter	June 9
Bob Noonan	June 9
Kelly Piech	June 12
Joe Mack	June 13
Susan Lowe	June 14
Pam Howell	June 16
Eric Przybylski	June 17
Amanda Fraioli	June 18

## Happy Happy Birthday



Vicki Kerr Membership Diva Chicago Parrothead Club

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



I want to thank all the Club members that worked Candy Days for Misericordia on Saturday, April 28th. We actually had a good day compared to the last few years, no rain!!!! Our Club makes Candy Days such a fun event for Elmhurst and Misericordia. This year we raised \$1,775.36 – wow! This is more money than Misericordia ever imagined we raise. Steve Tuttle set a new record, getting a check for \$500.00!!!! Great Club effort.

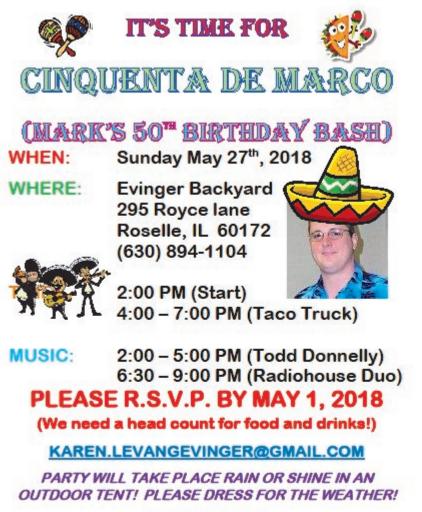
We had a very successful Alzheimer's event this past weekend at Ballydoyle in Downers Grove. Sorry I could not be there, I was out of town. With door proceeds, heads and tails game and some wonderful baskets, we raised \$581.00. The money raised is going to our Alzheimer's Team 2018 – thank you Parrot Heads. Our goal is to be the number one club again in the county raising funds to fight Alzheimer's. At this time, we only have 4 members signed up for the Alzheimer's Walk, information is listed below. Please sign up today.

It's official; **the Alzheimer's Walk is Sunday, October 28, 2018**. Our web page is up and running so sign up when you can. act.alz.org/go to/ChicagoParrotHeads If you need any help or support material, please contact me. It's later in the year than usual, but we will be up for the challenge – great way to get the MOTM party started!! I plan on leaving for Key West the next morning.

"We are the people your parents warned us about" Meeting of the Minds starts October 30th and runs to November 4th in Key West, FL. The Meeting of the Minds is the Parrot Head convention held in Key West in late October each year. The convention consists of more Trop Rock music than you can hear, and meeting other Parrot Heads from all over the country. It is also a fundraiser for local and national organizations. The only requirement to attend is to be a member in good standing of a recognized Parrot Head club. Registration is now open and of course, I am already registered and have a room for MOTM. As of the end of April we have 15 members registered.

My plan is to arrive on Monday, October 29th. As you will find out there are many ways to support MOTM. Several volunteer opportunities are available if you have the time and desire to help; volunteering only makes the event that much better. I have signed up again to stuff goody bags on Wednesday. Let me know if there is any activity you'd like to do while on the Island, and I'll see if we can make that happen.

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



WHAT TO BRING CHAIR, SUNSCREEN, JACKET, BUG SPRAY



# **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!**

It's More Than A Dream Productions, who is helping plan and execute this year's Summer Chi.ill, is also involved with planning and executing the Auction (silent and live) part of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit for Ingalls Hospital, taking place on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel, in the south loop area. The entertainer for the evening is Patti La Belle.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the actual event on Saturday. Shifts can range from 3-8 hours, depending on needs and your availability. Set-up will begin around 11 am and the event will end at approximately midnight. As many hours as you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

What is so unique about Ingalls Hospital (located in Harvey, IL) is that since 1923 they have been a not-forprofit hospital, so they never turn anyone away for lack of an ability to pay.

The Benefit has raised over a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships for local high school students, many of whom have gone on to become a part of the Ingalls medical staff. In addition, Ingalls is involved in world renowned cancer research. Currently, they are involved in several worldwide experimental cancer treatments where they are one of only two hospitals in the United States chosen to participate. At present, they have several patients taking part in the same immunotherapy treatment which former President Jimmy Carter credited for destroying his melanoma-related brain tumors, which is extraordinary!

Last but not least, Ingalls' contribution to minority enrollment in Clinical Cancer Treatments is exemplary. The National Institute of Health reports that less than 2% of minorities are involved in these trials. At Ingalls, it is an astounding 35% - 45%, depending on the programs available at any given time.

So, as you can see, what was started in 1923 as a one man show by Frederick Ingalls as a dream, creating miracles and giving hope to this day!

If you are interested in volunteering at this very worthwhile event, please contact: Kathy Kadet, President & Founder, It's More Than A Dream Productions, at 630-273-3322 or <u>Kathy@ltsmorethanadream.com</u>. Please mention you are with the Chicago Parrothead Club, and if you e:mail her, please provide a phone number that she can contact you to discuss in more detail.

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD. FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR ATTENDING THE EVENT!

Thanks

Karen Levang-Evinger

#### 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 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



Joe Klen-Communications Director

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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