



November, 2012

Chicago Parrot Head News



Midwest Caribbean Association

From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Forty-eighth Entry: November 14, 2012

Well ye bunch of ruffians, in the Buffett "fiscal" year; it appears this be the end of another grand adventure. He has left the Port of Vegas, and our merry band o' scallywags descended on Key West for a bit of revelry and mischief. We welcome ye all home, and look forward to coming into the Holiday seasons to give back to the needy, while makin our own bit o' mischievous fun! Watch the manifest for great times lie ahead! Raise the Jolly Roger for we set sail again under the flag o' the two parrots! Ahoy one and all, weigh anchor, and prepare for a change in attitude!

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King

"The Captain's Song (modified)"

~W.S. Gilbert

Captain: I am the Captain of the Parrotheads;

All: And a right good captain, too!

Captain: You're very, very good
And be it understood,

I command a right good crew,

All: We're very, very good,

And be it understood,

He commands a right good crew,

Captain: Though related to a peer,

I can hand, reef, and steer,

And ship a selvaage;

I am never known to quail,

At the fury of a gale,

And I'm never, never sick at sea!

All: What, never?

Captain: No, Never!

All: What, never?

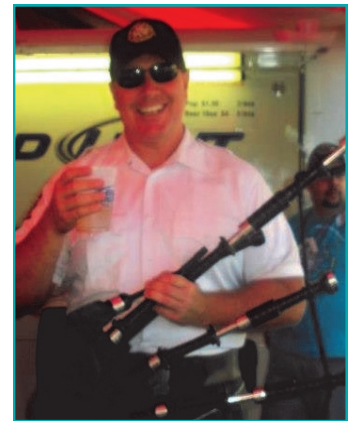
Captain: Hardly ever!

All: He's hardly ever sick at sea!

The give three cheers, and one cheer more

For the hardy Captain of the

Parrotheads!



Billy Brehm

Mark Your Calendar!

Official Club Events:

- November 18th, Sunday: Scavenger Hunt & Tree Decorating @ Brookfield Zoo - Noon
- December 1st, Saturday: Misericordia Baking Day @ at 6300 North Ridge Ave - 9am-noon.
- December 7th, Friday: Members only party @ Doubletree in Downers Grove - 7pm
- December 19th, Wednesday: Club Meeting @ Elmhurst Pub - 7pm.

Un-Official Club Events:

- November 24th, Saturday: Mr Myers @ Cabana Charley's in Woodridge - 8:30pm.
- November 30th, Friday: Disorderly Duo Jay and Bobby at Weber Grill in Lombard - 6 to 9pm.
- December 1st, Saturday: After Misericordia Baking @ Fat Cats located at 4840 N. Broadway (just north of Lawrence) ~noon

Apple Pie Shots

This will not only make you feel good (be careful), it'll make your house smell like you've been bakin' all day!

Ingredients:

- 1 qt. Everclear [or Golden Grain or 180 Proof Vodka] amount is approx. ~90% of a 5th
- 1 gal. Apple Juice
- 1 gal. Cider, apple
- 6 -8 sticks Cinnamon Sticks
- 1 cup white sugar, 2 cups brown sugar (or any mixture thereof)

Mixing Instructions:

Mix apple juice, apple cider, sugar, and cinnamon sticks together and bring to boil - simmer until cinnamon sticks unroll (~2hrs). Remove from heat. Once cool, add Everclear and taste. Refrigerate. Add more Everclear if you want it stronger, more sugar if you want it sweeter.



Greeting From Your Cruise Director - Karen Boylan

Well it's time for Turkey and Santa,
but we still have tropical fun.

OFFICIAL SOCIAL - Scavenger Hunt & Tree Decorating @Brookfield Zoo **Sunday, November 18 at Noon**

We have a large tree that will be located around Roosevelt fountain in the center of the zoo. Once the tree is all decked out in Christmas in the Caribbean style we will divide you up into teams and send you off on the Amazing Zoo race. Answer questions, take some photos, collect lost shakers of salt –all will earn you points. We will all reconvene at Sanctuary Bar & Grill 3747 Grand Blvd in Brookfield. The points will be totaled and the winners announced. We are given a LIMITED amount of free passes and parking passes for the zoo. These are available on first requested/first served basis. If you have memberships or other zoo passes (some suburban libraries allow you to check out a zoo pass) please use those. Also you may want to arrange to meet and park near Sanctuary/Downtown Brookfield and car pool to the zoo to save parking costs.

Sick of the family, bring me my PHRIENDS party

Saturday November 24 at 8:30 Cabana Charleys Woodridge

Mr Myers is back to help cure your Cabin Fever at Cabana Charley's in Woodridge located behind Suparosa in the Seven Bridges complex in Woodridge. Send the crew an email if you are planning on attending and we can see if our favorite owners will save us some tables.

Time to Get DISORDERLY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH - Weber Grill, Lombard – 6 to 9 p.m.

The Disorderly Duo Jay and Bobby from South of Disorder Band are at Webber Grill for Happy Hour from 6 to 9PM. The bar at this famous restaurant is warm and friendly and the food is outstanding. So take a break from shopping and listen to some great music.

Members Only Party!

Friday December 7 a – 7:00 p.m.

After Party In ParrotDise we earned a little bit of a credit at the DoubleTree in Downers Grove. So we are having a party for our **MEMBERS ONLY**. Jim Hoehn will be performing. The cost is \$10 SOME food and SOME beverages will be provided, cash bar after that and we will raise a little more money for charity – A German Shephard rescue organization.

NEW YEAR'S EVE – WHAT IS EVERYONE DOING ? IS THERE INTEREST IN A GET TOGETHER?

We spent New Year's Day with brunch at Trader Todd's but any one want to celebrate the Mayan's getting it wrong and ring in 2013. Let me know ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

Cont. - Greeting From Your Cruise Director

Time for a Road Trip

Traveling is fun, with your parrot head friends even better. Here are some details and websites with info on upcoming road trips some of your fellow Members are taking.

Holiday Luau and Toys for Tots party – Saturday Dec. 8 – MILWAUKEE, WI

This is the Holiday Party for the Milwaukee Area Parrotheads Association. It is held at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Register by Nov. 24 for \$30 tickets (\$200 for a reserved table of 8) After the deadline it is \$5 more. Bring a new unwrapped toy for charity. Your ticket included dinner buffet and entertainment by Jim Hoehn and The Boat Drunks. Registration and hotel info available at www.milwaukeeeparrotheads.com

Pardi Gras – Jan 17 – 20, 2013 NEW ORLEANS, LA

Voted Trop Rock event of the year for four years running some of the performers we have seen locally are going to the big easy including Jerry Diaz, John Friday, Brett Burns, Jim Hoehn, Boat Drunks, and a dozen or so more musician. Our own Pardi Gras parade. \$70 is the registration for a shirt and admission to four days of music. There is also the Krewe de Vieux traditional Mardi Gras parade this weekend. So far the Kleimans, Boylans, Motals, Osowskis and Kuklinskis are attending and we want the Camps to go!. More info at www.pardi-gras.com

Island Beach Bash – February 23, 2013 Rockford Illinois

While details are still coming this is usually at Giovanni's in Rockford and has featured Pirates Over 40 and Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. Last year nearly 30 of us went to help our neighbors the Sharks on the Rock raise money for Special Olympics. Many have made this an annual tradition. www.islandbeachbash.com

Music On The Bay – Feb 28 – March 3, TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

A three day music festival featuring many trop rock favorite including Illinois own Boat Drunks and the Mr. Myers Band. There are too many to name but others that have passed through Chicago like Jack Mosely, Jim Hoehn and the Sauce Boss will be there. <http://musiconthebay.org>

The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



Misericordia Baking Day

Misericordia Baking Day is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Misericordia is located at 6300 North Ridge Avenue in Chicago. Misericordia has given us 12 volunteer slots to fill for the kitchen. This year we have permission for “Keets” (little Parrot Heads) to join us too. Aymee’s keets will be joining us along with other Club members. If you are on the waiting list for this event and are still able to volunteer, please contact me to see if any spaces are available as some members have had to cancel their participation. I will have a final list of bakers at the November meeting. After Misericordia baking, we will be meeting for lunch at Fat Cats located at 4840 N. Broadway (just north of Lawrence). Everyone is welcome, not just the bakers.

Meeting of the Minds—MOTM 2012

I must report on the “Meeting of the Minds – Another Trip around the Sun” held in Key West, Florida. Wow!!!!!!! What a great time. We had 32 members from the Chicago Club attend this annual event. Attendance was down over all but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Chicago Club. We unofficially started MOTM with the Trails and Tales tour of Key West – stories and locations where Jimmy started out in his early days in Key West. Tami’s memo to wear costumes (after all it was Halloween) did not seem clear, since this guy (me) was the only one who showed up in his “Hottie Scotty” costume that he wore at Fantasy Fest; oh well, it is Key West and no one cared. Many of our members did show up in costumes later in the evening. Most of us did not recognize our own Tami Casey as her make-up was spectacular, good job Tami. Up and down Duval Street on Halloween was a night full of fun and fright.

All thru the weekend many of us met at various places for refreshments and group pictures. We should get many pictures (at least the ones we can post) on our web site later this month. Joe, another job we did not tell you about.

Joe Klen and I attended the Leader’s Brunch at the Conch Republic where we met and rekindled friendships with other Parrot Heads in our region and all throughout the country. Yes we were up early to attend this event; no rest for the wicked! Our newsletter was submitted into the PHIP newsletter competition, but a club from Florida won. More information on winners and the amount of money PHIP raised in Key West will be available later this year.

The weekend also provided many opportunities to meet other Club members throughout the country. For me it was good to see many Club members I have met from years past. I am glad I am not getting any older. This was my 8th year attending the “Meeting of the Minds”.

The PHIP annual meeting at the Casa was Saturday morning, yes we have one and yes it was another early morning for me (I’m such a stud). The Golden Coconut Award was announced at this meeting... not sure why all the eyes were on me during (and after) presentation?! The Golden Coconut Award went to a new Club in the Florida panhandle this year. They of course were not there, as I understand too much Duval Street the night before. We have to say a big “Thank You” to Dee Tropp for her submission to the competition. I am guessing we came in second, it was awesome. The auction which raises money for the many charities PHIP supports was held right after the awards and contained many signed items from Jimmy. I did “win” a signed poster of Jimmy to help support this great event. The total raised will be available to us as a Club in December.

Again, PHIP was the top group to contribute to the blood drive – some in the blood mobile and some on Duval Street – in Key West. Thank you Kelly and others for your time and blood.

Well as the saying goes, “What happens in Key West, never happened.” Fun was had by all and you should plan to attend next year. This is great get together in Key West .

Next year MOTM 2013 will be held October 30 thru November 3. It’s not too early to plan for “Bring Back the Magic” in Key West, Florida. Registration begins January 1, 2013. Everyone needs a “Tropical Recharge” before the holidays!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving to all



Thanksgiving is my favorite dinner to cook for family and friends. The smell in the kitchen reminds me of my Mom making dinner while I watched the Macy's parade and was told to stay out of the way from Dad because Mom was on a roll. She taught me how to make dinner and have everything on the table hot and at the same time. Wow how things change from when we were all younger but, there is the saying growing old but not up. Words to live by if you dare. This is the time of year to plan your winter get a ways to somewhere warmer so the flip flops can get out of the closet and back on our feet.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels to where ever you are celebrating.



To those celebrating a Birthday this month enjoy your special day and drink a toast to yourself for making it one more year with a smile on,

Matt Norman	November 16
Doug Smith	November 17
Matt Sloan	November 24
Marty Kuklinski	November 24
Andre Fazio-Lazada	November 30
Tara Tuttle	December 6
Torrie Felton	December 13
Scott Henderson	December 13
Sandy Brenner	December 18

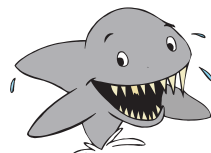
FINZ UP TO ALL !

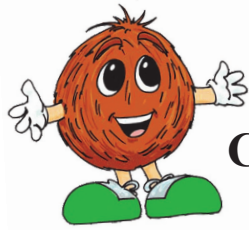
Are you missing from our Birthday List ? If your Birthday is not listed that means I NEED IT !

Please email me right away so I have your information !

I'm sorry if I missed you! THANKS SO MUCH !

Have a great Thanksgiving and start that holiday shopping....
Vicki
Your Membership Diva





Casting for Coconuts

by Gumz the Shark

Esteemed officers and members of PHIP, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Gumz and I'm a shark. Oh, not the kind of shark that bites people's legs off and spits out what's left of them (yeah, I watch old movies too) but a nice little pink and yellow rubber shark.



My Parrothead friends acquired me a number of years ago down in the Caribbean and made me their mascot. So I go with them on adventures and do my best to keep them out of trouble, which let me tell you is no easy feat. But look who I'm talking to. Bet the coconut doesn't fall far from the palm tree...in any case, speaking of coconuts, I understand that there is a golden one that signifies quite an achievement for a Parrothead club, so I would like to tell you about my club, because even though I have my fins full keeping them in line, I think they're not so bad - for humans.



My Parrotheads are always up to something. First off, they support a lot of charities. Two of their main ones are the American Cancer Society and the local Alzheimer's Association. Their biggest fund raiser of the year divides the proceeds between these two organizations and wow, what a party that is. It starts on Friday night with a local steel drum band (oh yeah, my kind of music). On Saturday morning they all gather to decorate for the main event and transform a banquet room into a Caribbean paradise. Mid-afternoon they have a musician play for happy hour and later they have full bands for the main event. And the raffle baskets – yikes! All the club members collect and donate stuff all year for the baskets and they raffle them off at the party. There's some mighty good stuff that people win, so everyone has a great time. This event has been growing and getting better every year because there are so many members that help share the work. But I really have to watch them at those planning meetings because they just insist that even hard work has to be fun.



Besides this big annual event they participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's every year too. After the walk, a special bus wearing a grass skirt (and you thought a narrating shark was weird) takes them to a bar to watch football and boy, do they get loud. It's all I can do to keep them under control. They also support the American Cancer Society by participating in Relay for Life, and wackiest of all – the wig train crawl. Let me tell you about this event. They meet at a train station wearing funny wigs and they take the train to the next stop and head for a bar. Then they repeat this several times. All the bars donate money which goes to the cause. You would think the other people on the train might think they were crazy, but they seem to make friends all over the place. Well, who doesn't love Parrotheads? And sharks!



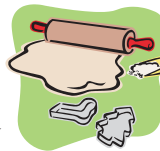
One of their local charities is a children's hospital. They help answer phones in the annual call-a-thon to benefit the hospital, and they also do a guest griller event where a couple of members actually do the grilling in a participating restaurant - the rest of them come out to bravely eat, and the proceeds go to the children's hospital. They also have a second hospital that they raise money for – this one takes care of teeny tiny little babies that need a lot of special equipment. For this one they do a Coconut Bowl every year where they decorate the bowling lanes and bowl in all kinds of silly ways. They have a bunch of raffle baskets there also, so lots of money comes in to help those little babies.



There is a local Home for disabled adults and children that they support as well. The Parrotheads stand on a busy street corner, *in the middle of the street* (didn't their mothers teach them not to play in traffic?) wearing grass skirts and leis (of course!) and passing cars stop and put money in their collection jars for the Home. I know it's a good cause, but jeez... They do a couple of other events to benefit the Home, like helping bake cookies and manning the beer tent (surprised?) at the Home's family fest every year. That event is really fun because besides helping the Home, most Parrotheads really seem to like beer.



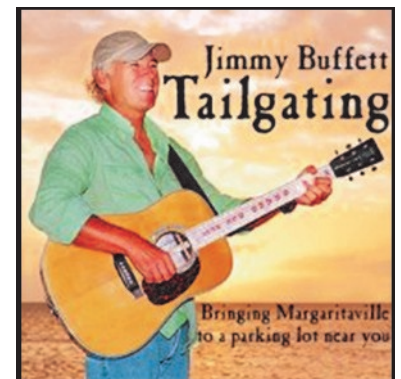
Besides these major charities, the Parrotheads have a collection point at their meeting every month. They collect things like toiletries from hotels and old cell phones for a women's shelter, and pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House charities. They also have something called a “Phriendship Phund” that is funded by the sale of yummy treats (made by a crew member) at the meetings – this goes to send flowers or gifts to club members that either have something to celebrate (like a new baby) or need cheering up because of illness or a family loss. I have to point out that there are never any good shark treats, but I make do with the cupcakes or brownies. And the members who get the flowers and gifts are always really happy.



My Parrotheads do highway clean-ups a couple of times a year – in fact there is a local highway that has their name on it. And at Christmas time they decorate a tree at the zoo – you can guess what that looks like, right? Oh yeah, everyone can spot the Parrothead tree. But the zoo gets money from it and the zoo animals need lots of food – not like us sharks that just swim around and take bites out of anything that moves.



Even though my Parrotheads always have fun while raising money for charities they manage to do a lot of other stuff just for fun. They all really like this old guy that plays music and sings about beaches and boats (and sharks!) - his name is Jimmy Buffett and hoo-boy, when he comes around they pull out all the stops. They have a big party in the parking lot before the concert



and they even get together with members of other Parrothead clubs so they can all have fun together. They have all kinds of good stuff to eat and drink and they all dress up in some crazy outfits – some of them even wear fins on their heads, to pretend to be sharks. Well, of course that's because they all want to be like me, even though I personally think they look a little silly.



They all really like the kind of music that this Jimmy dude plays and they support all kinds of other musicians that play similar music too. Some of them are local and not too many people know about them, while others are famous and get played on special Parrothead radio stations. But my people go see all of them, and they all dance and sing along and have a great time. Sometimes they have concerts in their houses or backyards and the club supports that too. Parrotheads like to go to events that other clubs put on also, and they do that a lot.

Lots of Parrotheads like sports, so sometimes they get together and go to baseball or hockey games. And they like to take vacations, trips together to all kinds of fun places. Every year a bunch of them go to Key West for a big party called "Meeting of the Minds". I don't know why they call it that because I don't see too much thinking going on there. In fact I heard a cab driver in Key West say that it was like spring break for 50-year-olds, but he liked



Parrotheads because they don't puke in his cab and they tip good. Yikes! Some of my Parrotheads go sailing in the Virgin Islands every year and that's my favorite trip because I always go along and I get to see my old home. Boy, the stories I could tell you about those trips!



I think the best thing about my Parrotheads is the friendship that so many of them have found in the club. They have something fun to do almost every week and they all like spending time together, whether it's the whole club or just smaller groups doing different things. They also help each other out whenever someone needs help. And I would be one lonely little shark if I wasn't so busy keeping them all out of trouble.



So in summary, I hope that all of you PHIP folks consider my club for this Golden Coconut thing because I think they really deserve it and they sure would love to win it. And I promise you I will continue to keep them on the straight and narrow. You can count on the hark!





Cheryl Wegner
Real Estate Broker

**COLDWELL
BANKER**



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

630 346 2977 cell
www.cherylwegner.com

cheryl.wegner@cbexchange.com





Sharon Klupar-Secretary



Rob Fitzpatrick -Treasurer



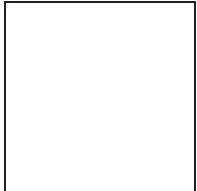
Joe Klen-Communications Director

The Midwest Caribbean Association/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 MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

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.
joeklen@comcast.net

Midwest Caribbean Association

PO Box 6313
Villa Park, IL 60181



We are on the web, check us out
www.chicagoparrotheads.com.