



Chicago Parrot Head News

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Captain's Logbook
Eighty-fourth Entry:
November 18, 2015

From the Captain's Chair

Gather round me hearties. The raiding party has returned from Cayo Hueso, and while a few faced the brig (and you know who you are!), the parties came and went and enjoyed some days in the sun, even seeing the Big Cap'n himself before he weighed anchor for Havana. Thank ye to all that made the trip, and for those that held the fort, we hope to see ye with us next year. Now we head back to work, Helping our troops, helping some tots, and getting ready for the wintry holiday season. While we help all year, this be the time that some of our lubbers need us the most. Let's raise a lot of glasses, as we share good time and cheer, while partying with a purpose. To Cayo Hueso...fare thee well. We shall return...

Bloody Bill
The Pirate King



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King

Cayo Hueso

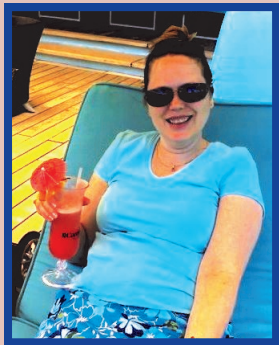
In Pre-Columbian times Key West was inhabited by the Calusa people. The first European to visit was Juan Ponce de León in 1521. As Florida became a Spanish territory, a fishing and salvage village with a small garrison was established here.

Cayo Hueso is the original Spanish name for the island of Key West. Spanish-speaking people today also use the term when referring to Key West. It literally means "bone cay (a low island or reef)". It is said that the island was littered with the remains (bones) of prior native inhabitants, who used the isle as a communal graveyard.^[8] This island was the westernmost Key with a reliable supply of water.^[9]

In 1763, when Great Britain took control of Florida, the community of Spaniards and Native Americans were moved to Havana. Florida returned to Spanish control 20 years later, but there was no official resettlement of the island. Informally the island was used by fishermen from Cuba and from the British, who were later joined by others from the United States after the latter nation's independence. While claimed by Spain, no nation exercised de facto control over the community there for some time.

**CPHC 2014
Golden Coconut
Award Winners**





Racey Tracey - Cruise Director

Here's what's coming up in the next month or two...

Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim and Scavenger Hunt, November 22, 10a - Once again we will be decorating our Christmas tree at the zoo, and it was voted on to once again go with BIG TREE! This is a donation supporting the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Zoological Society, so we will have a limited number of parking and entry passes to hand out at the November club meeting (if you have passes, please use them, carpool, and spread the wealth so we get everyone in free!), and then..... tastelessly decorate our tree! This year will be a tropical themed tree.....and.... costumes are encouraged!!! It gets the most looks every year! Tree decorating starts at 10:00 am sharp on November 22nd!!! Watch for details on a decoration making party and/or at the meeting!!! Then....by popular demand, the great Zoo Scavenger Hunt! Will there be return questions check your memory? Where will you end up? It's a mystery and Google will not help you! BUT.....we will split into random teams (no cheating, this is to also get to know our phellow club members) and then this year it will be shorter BUT harder (insert joke here). The goal is to get as many answered as you can, and the first team to return BY 12:00 to the social location wins!

We will now be going to ZUBAR (the former Johnny B's) 8436 Brookfield Ave, right across from the train station, and closer to the zoo! Keets are welcome, they have food and drinks, and we get the backroom all to ourselves!!!

NAMI DuPage presents An Evening of Music with Will Kimbrough – December 4, 7p – DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church, Naperville. Help NAMI DuPage continue to improve the lives of those with mental illness and their families through its many support and education programs, and its advocacy at the state and national level. Doors open at 6p, performance begins at 7p. Ticket price \$20. Beer and wine will be available for a donation. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.namidupage.org/nami-dupage-presents-an-evening-of-music-with-will-kimbrough/>

Peter Mayer's Stars & Promises 2015 – “A Restless World, A Silent Night” Christmas Tour - December 14, 7p - Living Lord Lutheran Church, Bartlett. Tickets can be reserved by calling Lisa or Carrie at (630) 830-3630. General admission tickets are \$25, Reserved seating for the first three rows \$50. The Church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9a – 2p and Friday from 9a -12p.

Racey Tracey - Cruise Director (Continued)

Party with a Purpose Road Trips and Holiday Parties – Support some of our neighboring clubs as they Party with a Purpose and celebrate the holidays.

Holidaze Party – December 4-6 – Join the St. Louis Parrot Head Club for their annual event supporting the St. Patrick Center - one of Missouri's largest providers of housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Entertainment includes the Southern Drawl Band (Friday night and Saturday brunch) and Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef (Saturday night and Sunday brunch). Visit <http://www.stlphc.org/index.html> for more information.

Winter Luau and Toys for Tots Christmas Party – December 5 – Join the Milwaukee Area Parrothead Association as they raise money for Toys for Tots. Entertainment provided by the Boat Drunks. Visit <http://www.milwaukee parrotheads.com/> for more information

Quad City Parrot Head Club – Holiday “House” Party with Southern Drawl, December 5 – Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #25, Rock Island. \$20 at the door. BYOB and bring a dish to pass. Doors open at 6p, music starts at 7p. Contact Willy Fink at Weldn_wily@hotmail.com for more information.

Southern Drawl Band's New Years Trockin' Eve, December 31 – Mike Nash is putting together an event for all of us in the Midwest. Details are still being finalized, but it will likely be in Peoria and be around \$200 or so per couple including hotel.

Upcoming local island music favorites ...

November 20 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 5:30-11p

November 21 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, 4:30-11p

November 27 – Todd Donnelly, The Crazy Toucan, Key Lime Cove, Gurnee, 6-10p

November 28 – Todd Donnelly, The Crazy Toucan, Key Lime Cove, Gurnee, 6-10p

December 31 – Todd Donnelly, Bahama Breeze, 5-10:30p

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Happy Thanksgiving Phriends

Now that the days are darker and shorter I'm thinking we need to go where it's warm. Roll out the sleeping bags Tami Casey!!!! We are wishing you the best in your new adventure. To our Jewish Phreinds we extend to you a very Happy Hanukkah.



Party with a purpose!

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday where we get to stuff ourselves like the turkey. And because I care about each of you I'm declaring that there are no calories in any food and drink between now and the first day of 2016.

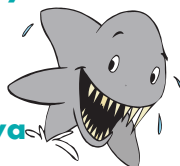


Let's all dream of a "Ragtop Day" and "Boat Drinks" to keep the chill away. Happy Birthday to:

Mary O'Connell	November 23
Mike Warren	November 30
Tara Tuttle	December 6
Bob Gard	December 11
Sue Merkendorfer	December 15

If I have missed your birthday let me know please.

Vicki Kerr
Membership Diva



For any members that DO not get club emails, please send me your address so I can get you invited to group emails—that way you can stay in the loop of all club events and gossip.

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Mr. Give Until It Hurts—Bob Noonan



Yes, I am back from a nice long trip to the Keys!!!!

What can I say, MOTM 2015 was a blast!! First, I would like to thank all those Club members who donated items and money to make our Chicago basket one of the best in the auction. We had many items from Chicago and over \$120.00 in booze. I am happy to report our own Paul and Jen Perkins won the basket. We had almost 50 Chicago Club members at MOTM.

We had a good “Great Lakes regional” party at Grunts Bar with Charlie Imes as our entertainer. At this party we introduced our new event “Summer CHI.III” (replacing Party in Parrottdise) being held July 14th – 17th at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL. Excitement was big among the bands on the Island in Key West to perform at Summer CHI.III. We are in the process of sorting thru all the info we received from all the bands and will announce the band line-up around the first of January.

PHIP awarded our Club first place (66 total teams in the running) for raising more money for Alzheimer’s Association than any other Club in the country. I personally received a special award, and I was surprised, from the National Alzheimer’s Association for raising more money than any other individual in the Parrot Head nation. I was very excited and quite honored to be recognized by the Alzheimer’s Association. These awards were all based on numbers for 2014, so we are again in the running for 2015. Great job Club Chicago!!

Also, a special thanks to all those who walked/ran in the Zonta Walk (multi-purpose local charity) or worked at different areas of the convention or gave time and money to our Club efforts. Without all those man-hours we could not hold MOTM.

Misericordia Baking Day Saturday, December 12, 2015

We are again baking at Misericordia on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Our Club is scheduled to work from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are limited to 15 work slots, and I will have a sign-up sheet at our November Club meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to work, please contact me at Rnooner@aol.com after the meeting. As always, plan to join Club workers for lunch after this event

Bob Noonan

Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club - Mayor of MOTM

Board Member – Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Illinois Chapter







Sharon Klupar-Secretary



Karen Levang-Evinger -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

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.

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