



Chicago Parrot Head News



November 17, 2021

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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

One hundred fifty-fifth entry:

November 17, 2021

Alas, all good journeys must come to an end. But not without stories to tell, and an unexpected prize from our plunders of Cayo Hueso. Our band of pirates descended on the island and took it by force. But the treasure did not come from force or stealth. Before we even arrived, our mate Andy drew up the proper papers describing our yearly courses and sails. An anonymous crew reviewed and agreed that Chicago should once again proudly hoist the Golden Coconut high! If ye haven't heard on the coconut telegraph, we have now won it twice in 6 years (by the by, you cannot win again for 5 years!). Congratulations to Andy and thank you to our band of scalliwags for all that we do. The trip be done and the ship has been pulled tight to the docks. Time to get back to our local plunders and shenanigans!

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King



PHIP President

Coconut Telegraph - Jimmy Buffett

Tuesday on the island, Not much goin' on
The parties are all over, They ended just past dawn

But the jungle drums are beating, With the tales from late last night
Cause the stories bear repeating, For everyone's delight

You can hear it on the coconut telegraph, Can't keep nothin' under their hat
You can hear 'em on the coconut telegraph, Sayin' who did dis and dat
Dis and dat dis and dat

Now I'm not one to deal in gossip, But was he that big of fool?
To do a belly buster high dive, And miss the entire pool?

Now what's the word on sweet Melissa? And the kid nobody knew
Did Ricardo ever find her? I swear it's just between me and you

You can hear it on the coconut telegraph, By now everybody knows
You can hear it on the coconut telegraph, Just who comes and goes
Comes and goes comes and goes

It's hump day on the island, And the lines have all gone dead
All the juicy news is history, I guess everything's been said

But when the eagle flies on Friday, And the boys break out the rum
Then the joint begins to jumpin', And you'll hear those hot lines hum

Put it on the coconut telegraph, All the celebration and the stress
Put it on the coconut telegraph, In twenty-five words or less

Social Navigator

Party with a Purpose



Mario

Save the Date - December 12th

Save the date-December 12 for a Holiday themed club outing. We're working on a Christmas movie at a theater. Stay tuned for more info on that.

Club Christmas Party - December 15th

Lots of Holiday Cheer, Music, appetizers, Cookie exchange and Year in Review Video. Stay tuned for more in to come.

Wolves Hockey Game - January 8th

Allstate Arena

Ticket Purchase - \$18.50

Visit the clubs website and select the Chicago Wolves Btton in the top left section of the page or use the link below to purchase tickets.

<https://offer.fevo.com/chicago-wolves-vs-tbd-sspeis3-20ffbde?fevoUri=chicago-wolves-vs-tbd-sspeis3-20ffbde%2F>



MOTM 2021 Group Picture

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Greetings from your new Membership Director.

New members-A big welcome to:

Maureen Dunn

John Loveless

White leis for our virgins-New members will get a white lei to wear at their first meeting (and for as long as they'd like!) and they'll have a special table to sit at. Old members, let's welcome these new faces to our club, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome our new friends!



November meeting will be a Mixer! A chance for newer members to get acquainted with older members. Look for our new members wearing white leis and take a moment to say hello and welcome them to our club!



Happy Birthday to the following members:

Karen Boylan	October 14th	Janice Pope	December 5th
Ann Smith	October 18th	Beth Russler	December 6th
Paul Caputo	October 19th	Tara Tuttle	December 6th
Donna Halfpenny	October 21st	Tammi Buettner	December 10th
Kenneth Laney	October 21st	Timothy Walter	December 12th
Jim Fidler	October 23rd	Jason Huffman	December 17th
Kathryn O'Connell	October 23rd		
Carol Jardine	October 24th		
Marty Kuklinski	October 24th		
Nancy Schreiner	October 25th		
Mike Warren	October 30th		

Cheers to another trip around the sun,

Cheryl Wegner
Membership Dir.

Chicago Parrot Head Club

membership@chicagoparrotheads.com



The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Pirate Jolly Rogers (looking for a Crew Volunteer)

November 18th

Stockings for the Troops - Stocking Stuffing--the stockings are all stuffed for this year, so cancel this year's event and look forward to it next year.

December 15th

Toys for Tots - bring your unwrapped toys to the club meeting at HB Jones December 15.

West Suburban Community Food Pantry in Woodridge is experiencing more and more people every week lining up to receive food and they are severely short of volunteers. Stay tuned for more information on volunteer opportunities for our club.

Our club team is racking up miles for the Margaritaville Run.

Don't forget to log your progress at:

https://margaritavillerun.com/?fbclid=IwAR1rOu0opSTFJmAY_XyN0N0LgnySP9YYhI1JVQCqlryTkdU8n2EVWn4ZLvw

Or visit the club website for a linked button to the access the log site.

Pads Warm Clothing Donations

Thanks everyone for your generous donations of warm clothing for PADS. We collected 38 items.

Pirate Jolly Rogers

Acting Charity Director

Anyone interested in Charity Director position please email the crew
crew@chicagoparrotheads.com

Chicago Parrot Head Club

2021 Golden Coconut Award

Winning Essay By: Andrew Flagler



As a Dreamer of Dreams and a Travellin' Man, I've chalked up many a mile searching for what I'm told is a Golden Coconut! My red, yellow, and blue feathers have weathered many regions of the country. From the lovely stretch of west-coast highway heading north of 'Frisco towards wine country, to the tropical breezes guiding me from Miami to that "Key" southernmost point in paradise where fellow Parrotheads cook plenty of cheeseburgers for me to swoop in and claw myself a bite to eat. All while sipping Caribbean rums we Pirates would have plundered 200 years ago.

We all have experienced changes in attitudes and changes in latitudes, through all the islands and all the highlands these past couple years. Should I say we are now truly living "Life on the Flipside?"

So much negativity is spreading throughout the world. You'd think humanity should just shut down and start over. It's A Big Old Goofy World, right? We need more Fruitcakes!

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Lucky for me, not the case at all in 2021. I've got my junior mints. You see—there is this fun-loving PHlock of people scattered across many states & countries, whom all share a common passion. We live a life emblematic for outstanding charitable & environmental efforts, and a little bit of fun in the sun. We do not simply enjoy evenings together Down at the Lah De Dah, where they have perfect margaritas in a mason jar, knowing how lucky we are. These PHriends strive to create a positive impact in so many areas of need, for countless causes, and for those considered less fortunate.

Amid the midst of Covid tragedies, lost jobs, floods washing away towns, hurricanes blowing away beaches, cities riddled with rioting, robberies, and racial tensions, we should all slow down, take a deep breath, and flow with the Slack Tide. Yes—We could all use a little calm, find the good in everybody, and share that one-love balm. This is exactly the attitude of my One Particular PHIP chapter! And exactly the medicine all doctors should prescribe! Soooooo, it's 5 O'Clock somewhere. Order up Jimmy's favorite, tequila on the rocks with lime, and let me share a few coconut-worthy tales to celebrate the treasures my club plundered this year.

Let's begin 2021 with the difficulty of simply getting together in person. Did Covid slow us down? No No No! We went virtual, enabling all members and phriends to participate in monthly meetings online, be involved, stay safe at home, and remain tuned in to all things Margaritaville! We, and I mean our Board Members, adapted, improvised, and overcame to keep the group close knit with Parrothead spirit. Constant encouragement, not letting anchors weigh us down, provided plenty of motivation to lift our spirits, maintaining tropical thoughts of saltwater breezes, ocean views, and low tides touching the shores at sunset. When Covid restrictions lifted, we got back to in-person meetings, sharing tales and cocktails, "Living Life Like a Buffet Song."

We agree birds of a feather flock together, yes? Enjoying a never-ending bottle of rum, even better? This PHlock really spreads its wings when donating & giving their own time on behalf of others.

In January, more than one third of the group's members kicked off the year collecting nearly \$1500 in donations to support a local food bank the club has supported for more than 10 years. This is the first of two food drives in 2021—the second is expected even bigger, being closer to the Christmas holiday.

In February---A Book Drive for an after-school program which aimed to improve literacy and promote self-expression for inner city youth. Several members helped organize and take in nearly 1,300 books, DVD's, and CD's to assist under-funded schools. Who knew there were still this many books left in this world? The spirit of giving is in this chapter's DNA!

A few of our members are passionate to prevent animal abuse, so what happens next? Several phriends came together to raise money, and food donations, for a local Animal Rescue Mission. Staff, and animals alike, were all filled with joy, and appreciative for the support. Not sure if anyone volunteered for "cage clean-up duty" after the animals ate lunch—but it was an overall success in serving up good karma where it was most needed.

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With the weather still a tad chill, and warm summer months still a long way off, a few scalawags knew of a local tavern that was rumored to be the #1-rated Tiki Bar outside of Hawaii. Well, how could we all not take advantage of this? Thus—a new “HALA DAY” Monthly Meeting was declared. Both virtual, and in-person, with support from the bar owner, doors opened & plans for future events were organized. Plus, their staff was ecstatic to be back at work for at least one night. Phriendships grew stronger as we learned how to make authentic Hawaiian Mai-Tai concoctions, mixing several tasty versions with Tiki-God guidance despite not having black sand beaches between our toes. Mahalo everyone!

As springtime approached, warm island breezes blew in as more Covid restrictions lifted, enabling Trop-Rockers from around the country to vacate their basements, get offline, and again hit the road performing in front of real human beings! Nothing beats a backyard pool party, an outdoor patio bar, or a TropRock radio show, listening to Trop Rock! So after supporting numerous virtual house-concerts, how many artists could we reel into town in support of their adventures, and their Relief Foundation? Ohhh let me see, at the time of this essay--(Last names only. You may recognize a few) Mollett, Stefania, Erdman, Burns, Nash, Mayer, Mayer, Walters, Dale, Shephard, Brewer, Kirby, Imes. All our members happily donated for these amazing artists to sail into town, string a few tunes, supporting their passions, and their tremendous musical talents. Parties with a Purpose!

Aaarghh!—One would think this is a pretty busy year? However, we’re only in August. The rum is not yet gone! More chapters to this story. More Trips Around the Sun! Blenders are mixing Boat Drinks outside! No more hockey games on. This Phamily is ready for fun in the sun! PHINS UP as we move towards the biggest event of the year. Apparently, this group was not alone in wanting to splash around with the Jolly Mon, enjoy good vibes, and continue the good deeds. Go big or go home some people say. When Parrotheads flock a weekend together, not just one chapter, but many, good deeds become amazing accomplishments! Come Monday, It’ll be Alright!

One of the first large events allowed anywhere in town in 2021, and booking out an entire Marriott hotel, more than 40 Parrothead chapters were represented for a weekend of island music, dance-ations, and donations. From California to Florida, coast to coast, everyone was chillin’ the most! Yes, I know. WOW! More than 40? Yes--That’s 20% of all official PHIP chapters worldwide! Literally every member of our club donated their time over several months to organize everything from the hotel property, reservations, decorations, musicians, food, prizes, everything. Plus all weekend during the event, behind the scenes, our phlock helped all areas around the hotel to ensure every Pirate was enjoying lazy days and wine-soaked nights! Talk about Livin Like It’s Your Last Day!

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Trop-Rockers played each day poolside, and each night on stage. Daily Duck races, 50/50 raffles, countless prizes auctioned off all weekend. More than 25 gift baskets, each valued over \$100, were donated by our chapter members, and raffled off to our guests. And in true Parrothead spirit, ALL proceeds, all weekend, donated to charity. Thousands of Dollars raised. SEVERAL....THOUSANDS of \$\$\$. Whom benefitted from this, you wonder?

A local organization which provides progressive, comprehensive services to people with disabilities promoting choice, dignity, and the opportunity to live and work in the community. Since 1969, this service has been a leader in meeting the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, physical disabilities and sensory impairments. And not only was the financial support given, but many of their Directors, with their members, participated all weekend, as guests of honor, enjoying the music, laughter, and enjoying an Island Style “hammock nap in the shade”.

After a mega event like this, who wouldn't want a Boat To Build, then sail off to Cartagena? Not this group. The Stars have not yet fallen on Alabama!

As our state continues to fall short with government budgets, keeping our roads maintained is a chore like no other. Our club, in partnership with the State Department of Transportation, adopted a one-mile stretch of highway several years ago. It was time to clean things up. Members volunteered their time multiple weekends this year. It's our Job! The program also educates and encourages people to stop littering, as well as visitors and tourists having a better impression of our state.

One mile of highway is a distance to cover on foot. Did we stop there? No No No! We all have a favorite charity for all Parrothead Clubs worldwide. Jimmy Buffett's father, J.D. Buffett, lost his battle to this disease in 2003. Supporting this organization is one way various PHlocks come together. PHriends giving back something special in support of Jimmy Buffett's family. So we kept on walkin' in 2021. As we do every year, mile after mile, all monies generated from our walks, and our numerous runs, are donated to this Association! Many a mile covered. Per Forrest Gump, “we just kept running!”

Since we all are on the move around town, this does not mean we only phlock together where we live. Isn't Parrothead philanthropy driven by meeting other club members from around the country? We love our city, but we really enjoy Livin' It Up at other club events. How could we have so many club members chillin' with us in our harbour, and we not set our sails towards their own? Several of our Landsharks have sailed off (Tin Cup Chalice in hand) to support other club events & their charities. We crossed borders into Arizona, Colorado, California, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, and Coast of (South) Carolina.

Seriously--What good is the one without the other?

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All this travellin--Parrotheads gotta eat. We cannot live on cold beer & rum without the aromas of a grille, can we? Well, maybe. I know many of us try, but do we want to turn down coconut shrimp, jerk chicken & cheeseburgers with french-fried taters? No No No! We're all familiar with a certain foundation, which exists to support Parrotheads and the (social/environmental) needs/concerns within their communities. So what does our club do? Design & print a cookbook! A rum barrell full of Caribbean recipes from various members & phriends, including a popular cocktail section, which raised just over \$3000! Pretty amazing, right? We walked another mile to plan a Jamaican Jerk "Cookbook Cook-Off" party with all proceeds to benefit yet another charity, which offers a community of care maximizing potential for persons with developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged.

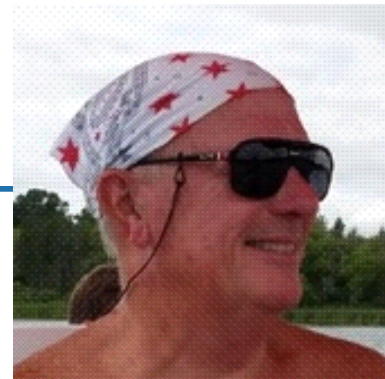
Duuuude, are you a tree hugger? Come join this club when it trims and decorates one of the large pine trees at our famous Zoo, benefitting its Foundation! A Christmas holiday tradition spanning several years, this event has become a local "bragging rights" competition amongst the many other participating groups. As always, the many hundreds of dollars raised is 100% donated to the cause. Surely you'll want to try the hot chocolate! It has a certain kick to it!

When it starts turning cold again, people need winter coats. Yep—see a theme here? Our club will have donated winter coats to support the evangelical wing of the universal Christian Church. A ministry motivated by the love of God, with a mission to exceed human needs in God's name without discrimination. Surely you've seen their curbside bell ringers? A Sailor's Christmas for sure.

Children of all ages dream of new toys under a Christmas tree. You guessed it! HOHOHO! Our annual toy drive! All donations go directly to our charity's local office. Their mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children keeps all those little "Tots" believing they're on the Good list. Mix in many other activities to help homeless shelters, cancer patients and our own club members in times of financial need, it is easy to see why this club, despite never looking for accolades, is so deserving of recognition. Hundreds of volunteer hours. Thousands of Dollars donated to worthy causes. **Together Everyone Achieved More in 2021! This TEAM exemplifies the Parrothead Spirit. Jimmy Buffet himself would toast a Golden Coconut in their honor! Pirates looking beyond 40! PHins Up Ya'll!**

Mayor of MOTM Corner

Bob Noonan (AKA - Mr. Give Until It Hurts)



Meeting of the Minds 2021-Key West

We arrived in Key West with 48 members from the Chicago club. I know fun was had by all as I was part of the “Party at the End of the World.” It was the first time in two years that many of the Jimmy Buffet clubs got to party, donate, and come together to help others. Our club as well as others put baskets together to help raise money for your PHIP scholarship fund. We also had members donate blood to the Blood Drive. The Parrot Heads have yearly donated more blood than any other group visiting the Island.

Thru the outstanding written entry to the “Golden Coconut “Committee by Andrew Flagler, we won the Golden Coconut Award!!! Congrats Chicago Club on being voted the best in the country for 2021. We also won the award in 2014 The copy of all winning essays is on the PHIP web site. We walked and ran in the Zonka Walk to help raise awareness and money to fight Breast Cancer.

The Chicago Club placed fourth over all in members who participate and raised money too. John Sheridan came in first in the older men’s division, Congrats. And Carol Duncan Eichelberger came in third in the woman’s division. Congrats. Along with all the gift cards, toys, and time spent on volunteering, we made a real impact on our visit to Key West. I thank all those who helped by going, donating money to your Charity basket, buying raffle tickets, working at MOTM (bag stuffing, security—the list goes on) participating in the live Auction for Lone Palm, and of course supporting our new PHIP President Billy Brehm at the General meeting early Saturday morning. Hope to see you all and more of our members at MOTM 2022 in Key West November 3 to 5th in Key West.

Bob Noonan
Mayor of MOTM 2021

Walk to End Alzheimer’s 2021

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| 1. Chicago Parrot Head Club | \$11,280* |
| 2. Space Coast Parrot Head Club | \$11,240 |
| 3. Los Angeles Parrot Head Club | \$11,070 |
| 4. Shoreline Parrot Head Club | \$8,653 |
| 5. Galveston Bay Parrot Head Club | \$8,085 |

These are the current standing as of Sunday November 14, 2021. We can still make donations until December 1, 2021.

*a special thank you to Julie Hardesty for donating to our club as I reported our numbers at the leader’s brunch and made us **number one!!!!**

Bob Noonan - Mayor of MOTM
Board Member – Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Illinois Chapter





Julie Hardesty -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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