

The Off-Beaten Path

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From The Captain's Chair

*There are jobs and chores and questions
And plates I need to twirl,
But tonight I'll take my chances,
On the Far Side of the World.*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

As the calendar changes from 2005 to 2006, many of us take the opportunity to make our New Year's Resolutions. To set our goals for the coming year. And with the setting of goals, the hope that our lives will be enriched or improved. Somehow "better".

Not to be left out, it is time for the Chicago Parrot Head Club to do the same!

Your Pilot House Crew would like to take this opportunity, at the start of a fresh year, to ask you help plot our current location, and to help set our course for 2006.

What has the club been doing well? What can we do better or differently? Do we give you too many of one type of events? Or not enough of something else? Do you have an idea for a great club outing? Do you have an idea for a charity event that you would like to see us participate in?

Our Club works best and succeeds when we have input and feedback from our members. Otherwise, the Pilot House Crew is left with the daunting task of trying to develop events and projects that we hope will appeal to and interest you, but sometimes we never really know.

Please take a minute to fill out the survey at tonight's meeting. It is quick and easy, and touches on the topics that effect our club on a constant and on-going basis. And of course, there is space for any additional comments that you

would like to share.

The doors of communication are always open between the Crew and our members. And that will not change. But we do hope that you will take a few moments tonight to let us know what you think. We welcome and encourage your constructive comments. After all - this is **YOUR** club.

Together, we can make the Chicago Parrot Head Club grow even stronger and more successful! We want to hear from you!

Here is to a fabulous 2006! The sky is the limit for us!

-Barb

** For those of you not at the January club meeting, please feel free to contact anyone on the Crew with any comments you would like to share! Phone, email or snail mail. Everyone's input is important!



Parrot Pulse



Welcome to our newest article! The "Parrot Pulse" will appear whenever we have news to report on the state of our phlock. February's "Parrot Pulse" will include information on what we learned from tonight's survey! Check back often for news you can't find anywhere else! The numbers are in!

During 2005...

Our club raised \$34,869 for our charities!

We contributed more than 732 man-hours to support environmental and community causes!

Congratulations to all on a TERRIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT!

This information is also being sent to PHiP as part of our annual Charter Renewal!



Charity: Party with a Purpose

by Billy Brehm (AKA Bloody Bill Oubliette)

By now, you may actually be reading my article, and wondering... who in the Spanish Main is Bloody Bill Oubliette? WELL, I happened to look up my pirate name in the Pirate Guys name generator in a book called "Pirattitude; So You Wanna Be a Pirate? Here's How!" (available at Amazon.com through our website) And that's who I am! AAAAAAAAAA!

Northern Il. Food Bank

So, with introductions out of the way, I hope we have all brought lots of food for the Northern Illinois Food Drive! If you are in here enjoying your grog and having one of the educated types read this to ya, you must have seen the van and what we hope to be a highly successful collection. With a special thanks to our own Caroline Weddick for heading this up from the food bank! Thanks to all that waited and waited and gave their all.

CocoBowl

Okay Me Hearties... with just a little bit to go until CocoBowl, let's get those sign up sheets turned in! Ya don't wanna be left in the cold for this event! March 4 will be here before ye know it, and from my perch here on the poop deck (quit snickering! I'll flog ya! Don't make me....) it looks like the cargo holds are filling with great



auction and raffle prizes. But we can always use more, so, get out of your hammocks and see what ye can pillage to add to our booty (by the way, that could be one of the best and most versatile pirate word known to man)! With your help, let's raise more money than EVER for our charities. More information to come, but please have all donated items by or on the date of our February meeting, February 21!

Candy Days

This is a mark your calendar thing! April 29 they will feel us swimming around the corners of Butterfield Road and Finley in Downers Grove once again! Sign up will begin in March!

MS Walk

We were asked back this year to form up and run a refreshment tent once again on May 7. They loved our presence, and we will once again have a great time doing it! The location will be in Naperville like last year, and after talking to their representatives, as volunteers, we do not have an actual team or Captain. SO... let me explain how this works. To sign up to volunteer, go to www.msillinois.org. On the left is a link to MSWalk. Take that to that specific site and find the link for volunteers. It will have a series of requests, and keep watching for volunteers and Naperville. You will then be given a sign up form online to fill out. Please do so, and add that

you are with the Chicago Parrot-head Club under which group you belong to. They want to keep track of our members all being in one tent and will keep me informed as to who is registered as well! As a tent volunteer, we are allowed to make donations, and are encouraged to do so.

Monthly Donations

For our monthly donations, let's keep scouring the seas for those pop tops, toiletries, and cell phones. And make sure to mark it in the logbook to get credit ya scurvy dogs!

Adopt A Platoon

Our soldiers, the Platoon loves the items we sent. Now keep in mind, single size portions work better. We have LOTS of popcorn. Glass does not travel well. And keep these men in your thoughts!



On that note, I will sign out of the logbook and leave room for our other shipmates! Without our purpose, there is no party! If you have any questions or comments or concerns or just want your own pirate name, please feel free to contact me! So let's get this together or y'all will be shark bait if I have me way! 2



Social Events

Villa Olivia Snow Tubing

Come out for an evening of fun on the snow! We are having a club social at Villa Olivia for two hours of down hill snow tubing. This is a Keet phriendly event so bring out the whole family! The cost is \$17.75 adults and keets 6 and up. For keets 5 and younger the cost is \$3.25 each and are required to ride with an adult.

We will be hitting the slopes on Saturday 28, 2006 from 6:00-8:00 PM. You are not allowed to bring your own tube. Villa Olivia has a fantastic bar and restaurant, so after wards you can warm up your toes with a hot toddy! Payment is being collected tonight. So sign up tonight to get in on the fun!

1401 W. Lake St., Bartlett, 60103
630-289-1000

-Trudi

It's Time To Whirly Ball

Our club has not played Whirly Ball in a few years, so it is definitely time to play again! Plus it is always time for an exciting social outing! So come out and join us on Friday, February 10!



We will be playing at the Lombard location (800 Roosevelt Road) from 8 - 10 pm. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. A cash bar is available at the court.

For those of you not yet familiar with Whirly Ball, it is best described as a combination of

Hockey, Lacrosse, Basketball and Polo played while riding an electrically powered machine, similar to a bumper car, called a WhirlyBug™. Although the WhirlyBug™ resembles a bumper car, it is a far superior machine. Quicker, stronger and far more maneuverable, the WhirlyBug™ powers you and your team down court in a fast paced, fun filled five on five game. We will rotate players after each game, so **everyone** will have plenty of court time. And of course... Happy Hour to follow.

Sign up at tonight's meeting!

- Barb

One Particular Harbor

Set Sail for Jamie's One Particular Harbour!

The Eric Stone Band will be playing at the Canoe Club in Orland Park on February 3! The Band will be playing from 6 pm - 10 pm.

The Band plays a lot of tropical music so this world wide storyteller will make you think that you are on vacation.

They have performed at MOTM, Pardi Gras and other parrot head events across the county.

The Canoe Club is located at 15200 South 94th Avenue in Orland Park.

Come out to socialize with your parrot head friends, and to listen to some great music.

Haunted Pub Crawl

Vampires, Mummies, the Holy Ghost? Are these the things that terrify you the most, or what

you see after a few too many boat drinks? Why not find out by joining the club's first ever Haunted Pub Crawl on Saturday May 13, 2006.

The night will begin at Goose Island Brewery, 1800 North Clybourn in Chicago. At 7:00 p.m. sharp we will board a motor coach (with rest rooms on board) for a tour of some of Chicago's spookiest establishments. While on board world-renowned ghost hunter Richard Crowe will share the supernatural tales of our city and the places we are about to visit. The evening will be a boat drink connoisseur's dream as we visit some of Chicago's famous pubs and a history buff's treat with information on former Mafia hideouts, Ethnic culture and more... all with a paranormal twist. There will also be time at some locations to grab a bite to eat. The bus will return to Goose Island approximately four to four and half hours later.

The cost for the evening is \$37 per person. Payment is due by April 18, however don't wait too long, space is reserved on a first paid basis and we are limited to the number or people the bus can hold. (Due to the limited space on this adventure we are sorry to say that refunds will be available only if we are able to resell your seat.) Send your check to the Club PO Box or give it to Karen Boylan at a club meeting. For more information contact Karen at TeeKay1972@yahoo.com.

- Karen Boylan



Attention Parrot Heads! We have Announcements!

CPHC Special Offer

As the saying goes... "There is always room for one more!"

Whether it's the PARTY or the PURPOSE, and oftentimes BOTH, there is always room for more Parrot Heads! We have been looking into various ways to increase our membership in 2006.

So from now, until April 18 (our April club meeting), we have a very special offer!

For every new member you refer to the club, who officially joins between January 1 and April 18 - you will receive a complimentary three month extension on your membership!

Do you have a friend or family member who is really a Parrot Head, but they just don't know it yet? Bring them along to a club meeting or a social event. Once they get to know our phlock, you know that they will want to be a part of all we have to offer. And they'll wonder what took them so long to realize how great it is to Party with a Purpose!

Stayed tuned for more exciting opportunities to help us expand our phlock! Please see a member of the Crew if you have any questions.

Existing and/or past members can not be counted as a member. Each new member/household can only be referred by one person. A maximum of twelve months will be awarded to each member/household for referring new members

A Coconut Bowl in Iraq?!

Yes, you read that correctly!

We will be sending some special items to our Platoon in Iraq, so that they can enjoy their very own COCONUT BOWL!

We will send over some bowling pins and balls. We will send the instructions for the very special and official Coconut Bowl game! Karen Boylan has even started putting together a version that uses empty water bottles instead of pins, and Frisbees!

Do you have something you would like to include with our special Coconut Bowl party package? Please let me know. Unfortunately, we can't ship Corona, Margaritas, or anything similar.

Remember - we will still be collecting the usual day-to-day items at our meetings.

HELP CocoBowl!

We need a few helping hands for Coconut Bowl! We need volunteers to help:

- Decorate the Pool Area at the Hotel Indigo
- Run games at the Pool Party
- Clean Up and Take Down after the Pool Party
- Help to transport items from the Hotel Indigo to the Bowling Alley
- Decorate the Bowling Alley
- Auction Room and Raffle Set Up
- Registration Table
- Selling Raffle Tickets during the night
- Man the Mercado Table
- Clean Up and Take Down after
- Help to transport items from the bowling alley Back to the Hotel

If you can help for about an hour or so during CocoBowl Day,

it will help everyone! Let's make this the biggest and best Coconut Bowl ever!

Social Committee!

As you all know The Pilot House Crew is in need of a Social Chair. We have decided to open up positions for a Social Committee! We are looking for 3-4 people who would like to organize fun social events for the club!

This is a fun way help the club and to participate in organizing our great social events! If you would like to be a part of our NEW Social Committee please contact any Crew member!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Jim Farrell, Jr. and Peggy Biernat!** They became engaged this month!



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Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers new CD "Live At Last 2: Destination Blarney Island" will finally be released this Spring as well. Keep your eye out for updates!



They are also working on a DVD collection to celebrate the bands 25th anniversary, which should be available later in the year! All in all, 2006 will be an exciting year for Mr. Myers! They hope you will join them in the Festivities!

OD TAPO IMI Caribbean SunSplash Show

The "Caribbean SunSplash" show comes to St. Charles on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2:00 PM at the Arcada Theater at 301 E. Main Street, performed by Chicago's OD TAPO IMI Steel Drums & More! and presented by Onesti Entertainment.



At the "Caribbean SunSplash", OD TAPO IMI introduces its new

lead singer, Daniella Mazzaro, a native of Venezuela, who moved to the U.S. and joined the band in the summer of 2005. The performance will be recorded for an upcoming CD to be released in the Spring of 2006.

This family event takes audiences on an "instant vacation" with music ranging from Harry Belafonte to Jimmy Buffett. It includes tropical twists on favorites like "Soak Up the Sun" by Sheryl Crow and even an island "Twist and Shout". The performance is accentuated with Blue Man Group and Stomp-style percussion acts. One segment uses 55 gallon oil drums and wooden axe handles splashing fluorescent colored water.



For tickets and more information visit www.FunConcert.com or by phone at 630-587-8400.

January Trivia Question

Three Sheets to the Wind. We've all been there. The meaning?

Extremely drunk. But where does this term come from? The sheets are the ropes that adjust

the position of the sails to the wind. If the sheets are broken or loose, the sails will thrash wildly and the ship will be difficult to control, a prey to the wind. The ship will lurch drunkenly. Typically a sailing ship would have 3 masts, and if the sheets to all three were damaged, the ship would be almost impossible to control.

Welcome New Members

Roger Cannon	Howard Kite
Jim Duddleston	Dave Lund
Mary Hennelly	Victoria Noonan
Barb Kite	Colleen Thol

They're Growing Older But Not Up!

- 1/21 Scott Peterson, Jimmy Shannon
- 1/23 Janet Hopp, Susi O'Neil
- 1/24 Mario Castillo, Natalie Mangan
- 1/28 Darla Bartmess
- 2/07 Pamela O'Connor, Lawrence Karns
- 2/10 Bill Hopp
- 2/12 Kevin Marren
- 2/13 Guy Anderson
- 2/14 Janet Henderson, Kevin Smith, Liz Whaley
- 2/17 Karen Wikholm
- 2/18 Tom Comings
- 2/19 Tim Lovell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

If you didn't see your birthday listed here, then we do not have it. Please see a Crew Member to be sure you are included!



Heard it on The Coconut Telegraph...

Halfway to Phlocking

The Phlocking of the Phaithful Committee Presents the 3rd Annual "Halfway to Phlocking"

January 27 and 28, 2006 at The Commodore Perry Inn & Suites 255 W. Lakeshore Drive Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 (adjacent to the Jet Express boarding area).

There will be raffles for free Phlocking registrations and a variety of good "stuff" Proceeds will help fund the 2006 Phlocking.

A block of rooms are reserved at the Commodore Perry in the name of the "Phlocking." Rates will be \$44.95 for standard rooms and include a continental breakfast bar. Please call either 419-732-2645 or 1-866-385-3101.

For more info go to www.phlocking.com.

Havana DayDreamin

Once again the Quad City Parrot Head Club is gearing up for the annual Havana DayDreamin' winter fund raiser! The event will take place on February 4, 2006 at The River Center starting at 7:00 PM until midnight.

Entertainment by Boat Drunks, with Special Guests from Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band.

Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Tickets available now at QCPH and at Hy-Vee stores beginning in January. Reserved seating available for \$175 per table (includes admission for 8).

River Center, 136 E. 3rd Street,

Davenport, Iowa

For more info go to: www.qcph.com or (888) 945-9159

12th Annual I Shot 6 Holes in My Freezer

It's coming! One of the biggest party/fundraisers in Wisconsin. On February, 18 2006 is the Loy-al Order of the Caribbean Soul club in Wisconsin's "I Shot Six Holes in My Freezer" Pool Party.

It will be held at the Best Western, 3900 Milton Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin 53546.

For reservations call toll free 800-334-4271 or fax to 608-756-0025. Ask for a room in the LOCS/Parrot Head block. The Party starts at 6 PM and goes until midnight. Hotel check-in after 3:00 PM

For More info go to www.locs-buffett.org.

Island Beach Bash



The Sharks on the Rock are having an Island Beach Bash benefiting the Special Olympics on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00

PM. It's being held at the Tebala Shrine Center in Rockford. Advanced tickets will sales are going on now and run through February 24th 2006.

Tickets can be ordered ahead of time 4 different ways:

1. At Diamond Dave's at the Colonial Village Mall in Rockford, IL
2. At Kobycos Windows and Doors, 4131 N. Perryville Rd, Loves Park. 815-654-5151
3. Call us at 815-335-7552
4. Find any member of the Northern IL Parrot Head Club

For more info visit www.niphc.com

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We still are in need of a Webmaster and a Social Committee. If any one is interested or if you know of any one that would be suitable for these positions send an email to crew@chicagoparrotheads.com or call the club hotline at 630-729-3156.



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UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY		7:30 17 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING at North Beach Downers Grove	18	19	20	9 pm - 1 am 21 The Beach Bum Band at Cheeseburger in Downers Grove
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31	1	2	3
			FEBRUARY		6 - 10:00 pm 3 Jamie's One Particular Harbor Lombard IL.	7 pm-12:00 am 4 Havana Day Dreamen Win- ter Fundraiser Davenport IA.
5	6	7		8	9	10
					8 - 10:00 pm Whirly Ball Lombard IL.	11
12	13	 Valentine's Day	14	15	16	17
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19	20	7:30 21 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING at North Beach Downers Grove	22	23	24	25
2-9:00 pm 26 OD TAPO IMI The Caribbean SunSplash Show St. Charles	27	9 pm - 1 am 28 Mr. Myers Fat Tuesday Party Durty Nellie's, Palatine	1	2	3	4 pm 4 - 2 am Coconut Bowl 
			MARCH			

For the latest entertainment news, check out these web sites:

SAVE THESE DATES!

JAN. 28 2006 Snow Tubing at Villa Olivia
 FEB. 4 2006 Havana Day Dreamen
 FEB. 18 2006 I Shot 6 Holes in My Freezer
 FEB. 3 2006 Jamie's One Particular Harbor
 FEB. 10 2006 Whirly Ball
 FEB. 24 2006 NIPHC Island Beach Bash, Rockford
 FEB. 26 2006 OD TAPO IMI The Caribbean
 SunSplash Show
 MAR. 4 2006 11th Annual CocoBowl

All Dates Subject to Change

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Notice: If there is a date next to your name, and it matches the date of this newsletter, it's a sign! It's a sign that your membership is due for renewal. Please submit your dues within the next 30 days to keep your membership in good standing. The other number on your label indicates the number of points you have accumulated for the current year. If you need more information or have a question about points, please see Micky O'Connor.

The Midwest Caribbean Association /Chicago Parrot Head Club is a non-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. Annual dues are \$25 for a single member, or \$35 for a couple or household. For more details, call the Club Hotline at 630/729-3156 or write to: MCA/CPHC, PO Box 6313, Villa Park IL 60181. You can also email us at club@chicagoparrotheads.com, or visit our website at www.chicagoparrotheads.com. WELCOME!