



# The Off-Beaten Path

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## From the Captain's Chair

There are unconfirmed reports that 2 people are still in the lobby of the Hotel Indigo vying to be the last man standing!! Stay tuned, this may get ugly!! One of the things I couldn't help but notice while planning Cocobowl was that over a third of the people signed up were attending for the first time. A third of everyone there were getting their first taste of what partying with a purpose is all about. Many of them have already said they will be back next year with more friends. Be warned when sign up time comes next year. There may not be any last minute spaces. We did manage to get a few of them to join the club that night. As I've said before, the best way to show people what the club is all about is to bring them to an event and what an event Cocobowl 2007 was. The pool party alone was it's own spectacle. Frank Whiting and his partner Mike ROCKED the place. I think we managed to *not* get their equipment wet. Didn't we? Thank you again for the trays of jell-o shots that kept coming out of the woodwork. Oh, and the cooler full of margaritas, courtesy of Tim Brehm. And then it was off to the bowling alley where the best you can really hope for is that the

paramedics won't be needed before the end of the night. Fortunately, no 911 calls were necessary. After all was said and done, over \$5,000 was raised for the four charities that were voted on that night. Alzheimer's Association, Good Samaritans Neo Natal Unit, The American Cancer Society and the Janet Comings Scholarship Fund. And when the crew finally got to sit, the champagne was poured and we all had a collective thought, "how do we make it bigger next year?" Can't wait!

Now as I begin to talk about last month, the club is going through some changes. We will be converting to an electronic newsletter, hopefully by May, but I'm not going to say for certain just yet. What I will say for certain is that if you still want to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please contact us at [Crew@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:Crew@chicagoparrotheads.com) or call the hotline # and leave a message. Plus for all you club artists, we are still looking for ideas for a new club logo. A few ideas are already being worked on, but we want to see what you can do. If you have a drawing you would like to submit,

send it to the crew. **Finally, a major announcement!!** Our club meetings are moving to Wednesdays. Yes, on Wednesday May 15th we will be meeting at McNally's Irish Pub located at 122 S. York Rd., Elmhurst, 60126 for you Map Quest users. It's a short hop from the Metra station and there's ample parking in the garage behind the pub. Those of you who were at February's Kick Off the Month, and there were plenty of you who were, got to see what a great place it is. We'll be meeting in the upstairs bar. This is a move that has been discussed for quite some time by both the present and former crews so it is by no means a hasty decision. A move closer to the city for which we take our name made sense. After we previewed McNally's in February, the move was a no-brainer (which BTW, McNally's was very excited to have us after seeing the crowd that showed up that night). I think you'll like the new place. So get ready to usher in a new era of the Chicago Parrot Head Club. As one of my fellow PHC presidents says, keep it real and keep it fun. That's my goal.

Mike



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## CHARITY PAGE: Party with a Purpose

(AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY)

Charity Chair: Kurt Rubin

### Fuddruckers Fundraiser for St. Judes

Hmmm, eat burgers and raise money for charity...sounds like a great combo. Well, our new friends at Fuddruckers made it happen last week. About 25 parrot heads converged to the Fuddruckers in Downers Grove to help raise money for St. Judes and numerous people hit their other locations for this one day fundraising event. In short, 20% of our purchases (beer sales included!!!) is being donated for this worthy charity. We don't have a total as of printing time, but we hope to have a check from Fuddruckers in the near future. Just remember, if you have an idea for a fundraiser event, we want to hear from you.

### Candy Days for Misericordia

On Saturday, April 28th, we will once again be playing in traffic to raise money for Misericordia. Ok, not literally playing in traffic, but we'll be at our usual corner of Butterfield and Finley Rd. collecting money for this cause. Sign in sheets will be available at the club meetings or by contacting

Kurt@Chicagoparrotheads.com. Shifts will run in 2 hour increments from 9AM to 5PM with happy hour at Cheeseburger in Paradise, yeah, I know, big surprise. We are traditionally one of the top money makers for this 2 day event and definitely the most colorful so break out the grass skirts (people just like to give money to men in grass skirts; just an observation) and your parrot head best as we help one of our favorite charities.

### Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed Sunday, April 22nd to help with Special Olympics in Naperville on the campus of North Suburban College. Sign up sheets will be available. We need volunteers to help pass out medals to athletes after each event. It runs from 8:30a.m. until 3:00p.m. You know the drill. Any questions, you can get a hold of me at Kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com. Happy hour TBA.

### MS Walk

Ok, for those of you not going to Phins to the West, we will once again be manning one of the rest stops along the MS Walk in Naperville on Sunday, May 7th. Get ready to cheer on the walkers as we turn the rest stop into a tropical tiki hut. Hey, we want to know if you're participating in the walk itself.

### Cocobowl

Thank you once again to Frank and Mike who ROCKED the pool party, my fellow crewmates for helping



put everything together and tear everything down, and most importantly, to everyone who came out and just had fun and raised a few thousand bucks for charity. Can't wait till next year!





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## SOCIAL DISTURBANCES : By Bloody Bill (ex charity captain, now in charge of "what should we do now?" "Stuff")

Listen up me hearties! Now that we've successfully slipped through the debauchery and revelry that is Cocobowl, it be time to look toward our future endeavors as we set sail again for what we hope to be warmer climes! Was everyone getting as bombed as me? And has anyone asked themselves **WHY** we use the word **bombed** for that feeling of super strength and charisma that we really don't have? Of course not ye wee girls! That would require thinking! So here is why for all ye gossipin' trivia buffs! A "bombard" was a leather jug or pitcher, that held 4 or 8 pints of ale, which was far stronger in past centuries. Thus, anyone that drank a full container was considered "bombarded" or "bombed!" Also...put 2 and 2 together... if you finished a "tankard", you were...(go ahead, you can figure it out...!) Now don't go thinking you're educated now! I'm still Captain of this ship! Onward...

The **March KOTM Happy Hour** at **Lamplighter's** was rumored to be a good warm up for Cocobowl the next day! Which leads us into the **April 6th KOTM Happy Hour, 6:00PM as always!** Our port of call this night will be a downtown location just south of Wrigley Field at **Trader Todd's**, located at 3216 N. Sheffield in Chicago! There are cheap eats, great drinks, and public transportation access is easy by the red and brown lines at Belmont!!! [Www. Tradertodd.com](http://www.Tradertodd.com)

**Johnny Russler in DeKalb: March 24th.** The location is

Otto's Nightclub and Underground. Visit [www.ottosdekalb.com](http://www.ottosdekalb.com). Show starts at 9:00PM and should be a nice outing for the Sharks on the Rock as well as CPHC.

And last...once again, **KARAOKE on March 30th!** Bring out those lovely voices for a little karaoke at our new location! Prairie Station Pub located at 1951 Ontarioville Rd., Hanover Park, IL 60133. Their phone number is 630-483-2100. Easy access from Lake Street or Barrington Rd. and train access! Let's get the party started at 7:00PM, sing a few songs, imbibe in a few beverages, and enjoy a night out with our fellow Parrotheads!!!

Keep in mind that someone from our platoon is scheduled to be in the Chicago area the week of **April 1st**. As soon as we receive more information, details on a happy hour to meet him will be announced! Stay tuned to the Yahoo Group for more information!

As another reminder, watch the dates!



**FlipperStock 2007- St. Louis, MO.** If you're looking for a quick and easy Parrot Head getaway, this may be just the answer! FlipperStock is hosted by our friends down in the St. Louis Club and will be held March 30-31st. Check the calendar, save your rooms early and look for more information in the newsletter!

We will not only be having a silent auction and raffles, but enjoying the company of Regional clubs from all over the Midwest! Following in May will be Fins to the West in Laughlin, Nevada; in case anyone wants to do a little field trip from the 4th to the 6th! Visit [www.finstothewest.com](http://www.finstothewest.com).

Thanks for reading my little entry into the logbook that is the Chicago Parrothead Club! Some of ye have spoken yer mind with ideas, likes and dislikes! I'll spare ye' the cat-o-nine tails this time fer speaking out of line, but only this once! Some ideas for future social outings have come up that we be likin! To name a few: White Sox Beach Bash, Kane County Cougars game (Jimmy Buffett day), Rockford baseball game with The Sharks on the Rock, Beer in Hand Volleyball, Chicago Rush Game, Cosmic mini golf, Indoor go-kart racing (35 mph, really cool!), paintball (old military base just 40 minutes away!), Road trip to nowhere, Enchanted castle, Gamewerks, and the indoor water park at CocoKey. These are some brainstorming ideas and if anyone wants to help, has inside info, contacts, likes or dislikes, or new ideas...please send them to Billy with a small fee of...OH WAIT! Scratch that...just let us know what **YOU** want to see us do or set up! This is **YOUR** club, we just try to make it happen! Now, back to scrubbing the decks ye salty dogs!





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## Attention Parrotheads We Have Announcements!!

Last year, Jimmy ended his Alpine Valley show by saying, "see you next year." Sure enough, he's coming back Saturday July 28th and you know what that means. We're getting on a bus and road tripping for a full day of tailgating and debauchery. Once again, the cost will be \$60 per person. This will cover your food and drinks from the time we pick you up until the time we drop you off (this does not include food and drinks during the concert.) There will be registration forms at the club meetings and on the website explaining the bus trip policies. Please fill out the registration completely and sign it. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [Mike@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:Mike@chicagoparrotheads.com) or call me at 773-983-4718.

### IMPORTANT BY-LAWS UPDATE

Ok, here we go. It's time to vote on the club by-laws. Now, any member, who's dues are current, is entitled to one vote.

Yes, I know this is Chicago, home of the "vote early and vote often", but you still only get one vote here. You may cast your vote in one of two ways. You can either vote at tonight's club meeting or you can cast your vote online by going to elections @ Chicagoparrotheads.com and vote yes or no for ratification. You may do this from March 21st-28th. A 2/3 vote by the voting members is needed for ratification. So puh-leez, puh-leez, puh-leez cast your vote for what will be a vital part of our club's future. If you have any last minute questions concerning the by-laws, feel free to contact Billy at [Billy@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:Billy@chicagoparrotheads.com). We will post the results as soon as possible. A lot of people spent some long nights to finally bring this draft to fruition. Now, it's time for you to do your part.

### IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION

Our club is on the list for PHiP tickets to the Tinley Park show on July 21st. Although we do not yet know the number of tickets that our club will be lucky enough to receive, the fact that there is a new club in our regional ticket mix and many clubs have grown significantly, this automatically reduces the number of tickets our club will be eligible to purchase. Please understand that those members who have achieved "active member" status will receive first consideration for tickets. Active members must be a member in good standing (dues are current), and since August 2006, will have attended at least three club meetings, helped at one Adopt-a-Highway, and participated in one major charity event. There are still plenty of opportunities to fill all of these requirements, so stay tuned to the newsletter, meetings, and Yahoo Group. Active member status must be achieved by the June club meeting (6-19-07).



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## Announcements continued...

Our club will award all tickets for our club, based on the Parrot Point System. Please understand that the Chicago Parrot Head Club does have a ticket policy to distribute the PHiP tickets that we are fortunate enough to purchase and we will strictly adhere to this policy.

Ticket eligibility guidelines are available on the PHiP website at [http://phip.com/leaders\\_tickets.asp](http://phip.com/leaders_tickets.asp) but in a nutshell, they are as follows:

- Family or household memberships are eligible for 2 tickets. Single memberships are eligible for 2 tickets, so long as the 2nd ticket is used by a member in good standing of the club.
- In order to be eligible to purchase the tickets, you **MUST** be a Parrot Head club member in good standing.
- Tickets obtained through PHiP **CANNOT** be sold, given or transferred to anyone, unless that person

is also a member of the Parrot Head Club.

Please understand that you are requesting tickets, and it in no way guarantees that you will receive tickets in the PHiP block. I cannot confirm ticket cost until we get the official word from PHiP, but please plan on paying about \$126 per ticket. Tickets cannot be sold for above face value on the club's Yahoo Group. The traditional cost has been face value + TM charges. This applies to all events, not just Buffett. All questions regarding this should be directed to [Crew@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:Crew@chicagoparrotheads.com)

### LET'S GIVE A HUGE WARM PARROTHEAD WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

Matt Bresnahan

Carmella Fijor

Lisa Helmann

Frank & Lucinda Gilbert

\*Sorry we forgot you last month  
Lisa\*



### They're Growing Older But Not UP!

3/22	Tami Casey
3/23	Rebecca Fogarty
3/28	Michael Davids
3/29	Robert Stack
4/3	Teresa Bunger
4/6	Todd McPencow
4/8	Charlie Ross
	Neil Compton
4/10	Travis Noparstak
4/11	Donna Perry
4/17	Dennis Meade

### YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD PILOT HOUSE CREW

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## Parrot Points/Active Member Status



While it is not guaranteed, whenever possible, Jimmy Buffett's management reserves a block of tickets for sanctioned Parrot Heads in Paradise Clubs at local concerts. We are given a block for the Tweeter Center Concert (usually in the 200 section.) In order to be eligible to purchase these tickets you must reach ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP status each concert year (the date of the Saturday Tweeter Center show that ends the day of the following year's Thursday's show). To be considered an active member you must:

- 1) Attend at least 3 monthly club meetings
- 2) Attend at least one Adopt A Highway Cleanup
- 3) Attend or support at least one major club charity event (i.e...Coconut Bowl, Misericordia, Candy Days, Alzheimer's Memory Walk, St. Jude Radiothon)

From time to time, opportunities or items in limited supply may become available to the club. Members who participate in events and accumulate the most points will have first priority to take advantage of these situations. We have developed the Parrot Point system as a fair method to track participation. Points are awarded as follows:

- Attend a monthly meeting (3 points)
- Attend an Adopt-A-Highway Event (5 points)
- Attend an "official" club social event (2 points)
- Attend a major charity event (5 points)
- Attend a non-major charity event (3 points)
- Sponsor a member for a major charity event (2 points)
- Donate items (2 points) ie...50/50, raffle, pop tops, toiletries, cell phones, etc. (limited to 2 points per meeting)
- Special donations (2 points) ie...clothing drives, food drives, or others as announced.
- Write a newsletter article (2 points)
- Refer a new member (5 points)
- Work at an event (2-5 points)\*
- Organize an event (2-5 points)\*
- Serve on Pilot House Crew (20 points/month)

*You must sign in at an event to receive credit for attending. If you have something you think you should get points for, note it on the charitable activities log (points are awarded at the Pilot House Crew's discretion). Each member in a dual membership accumulates points individually. Only one member of a dual membership gets credit for a single donation. Extra points can be awarded at the discretion of the Pilot House Crew. Please see a crew member if you have any questions regarding these policies.*





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## UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			March	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	Club Meeting	20	21	22	Johnny Russler 23
25	26	27	28	Mr. Myers St. Charles 29	Karaoke 30	31
April 1	2	3	4	5	KOTM 6:00 6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	Mr. Myers Antioch 14

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 21-28 Vote on By-laws  
Flipperstock 2007 St. Louis,
- March 30-31 MO
- April 22 Special Olympics
- April 28 Misericordia



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- [www.beachbumband.com](http://www.beachbumband.com)
- [www.boatdrunks.com](http://www.boatdrunks.com)
- [www.odtapoimi.com](http://www.odtapoimi.com)
- [www.matthall.net](http://www.matthall.net)
- [www.southofdisorderband.com](http://www.southofdisorderband.com)
- [www.a1a-live.com](http://www.a1a-live.com)
- [www.northbeachclub.com/downers](http://www.northbeachclub.com/downers)
- [www.cheeseburgerinparadise.com](http://www.cheeseburgerinparadise.com)
- [www.margaritaville.com](http://www.margaritaville.com)
- [www.blarneyisland.com](http://www.blarneyisland.com)
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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, P.O. Box 6313, Villa Park, IL 60181. You can also email us at [club@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:club@chicagoparrotheads.com), or visit our website at [www.chicagoparrotheads.com](http://www.chicagoparrotheads.com). WELCOME!*