



The Off-Beaten Path

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From the Captain's Chair

How do my summers keep getting booked up earlier and earlier every year? Oh wait, never mind. Now I remember. First off, I'd like to give a HUGE FINZ UP to the people at McNally's Irish Pub who have graciously taken us in and given us a new home on a new night for our club meetings. And the best part is, they actually serve COLD draft beer and the food is really good too. I think you're going to like it here.

On the subject of new things, it's time to get ready for our next major Party with a Purpose. Now, there's been a lot of discussion about how it's possible that we live in the third largest metropolitan area in the country yet our numbers are far exceeded in both membership and fundraising by other parrothead clubs from much smaller areas. Yes, we do raise thousands of dollars every year through various events for many deserving charities and we will continue to do just that. This crew believes we can do more and we need your help to do it. On Saturday, August 25th (time TBA), we will be heading down to

the south side to 115 Bourbon Street to raise money for the Alzheimers Association. We are currently putting together a schedule of entertainment for this event, but this is where you come in. We need raffle prizes. Gift certificates, bottles of booze or wine, sports tickets, concert tickets or anything you can think of that someone would be willing to buy raffle tickets for. Gift baskets are always welcome so feel free to get creative. Ask your friends, your family, your boss and your neighbors for donations. You'd be amazed how many of them would be willing to give something. Alzheimer's affects so many families (mine included) in so many ways. So why not give them the opportunity to do something about this disease. And by all means, INVITE THEM TO THIS EVENT!!! I've said it before and I'll say it again, the best way to show people what "party with a purpose" is all about is to invite them and experience it for themselves. We will begin selling tickets to this event in the next few weeks. If you would

like a block of tickets to pre-sell, please contact the crew and we will get them to you. This cost will be \$30 each and will include beer, wine, soft drinks and a buffet for 4 hours. As soon as we get the bands set, we will have it posted on the website, our MySpace page and everywhere else we can put it. We will be primarily doing a Chinese raffle for prizes with a few higher priced items on the silent auction. All proceeds will be presented at the Memory Walk on Sunday, September 16th. With a little love and luck, and if we all work together, we'll have a new annual fundraiser. So let's all do our part to help fight Alzheimer's. Ok, while I'm thinking about it, **WE NEED A NAME FOR THIS EVENT.** We wanted to call it Sweet Home Margaritaville, but all that copyright stuff got in the way. If you can come up with a name, let us know very soon, as in, by the end of next week, soon. I'll buy the winner a drink. The summer is quickly filling up with both party and purpose. We're gonna have a lot of fun with both.



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CHARITY PAGE: Party with a Purpose

(AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY)

Charity Chair: Kurt Rubin

Environmental Projects

Life is a Zoo. So what better place for us to take on a new environmental project than Brookfield Zoo. On June 2nd we'll be helping the zoo clear buckthorn from areas of the zoo's grounds. Buckthorn had been growing rampant in many parts of Illinois and choking out surrounding vegetation. So make sure you wear pants and have a pair of work gloves. The zoo will give us the tools and we will give them the man/woman power. Additional information is given later in this newsletter. If you're getting tickets for Tinley and need the points, here's your first chance. On Saturday, July 14th, we will be doing the same thing out at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Be on the lookout for more info on this one but do save the date.

Candy Days Results

Again the Tiki Gods brought us great weather for a great cause. This time, it was playing in traffic for Misericordia. We raised quite a bit of money this year, totaling \$3,578.25. Only a couple of bucks off from last

year's total but everyone had a lot of fun and you just never have enough excuses to put on a grass skirt. Thanks to everyone who came out and put in a few miles collecting money for one of our favorite charities.

Special Olympics

Well well well, this past month has been full steam ahead with our sails in full gust. It all started on a cool Sunday morning with a clear sky and no rain in site, but there were kids with hopes of getting a gold, silver or bronze medal or beads. Yes I said beads. This year was the first of what I hope will be many events with Special Olympics. We decided at the last minute to delve in the club's stock of beads. Needless to say, the kids that got them loved it. And this brought a smile to many children participating at Special Olympics. It even made a few adults smile as well, myself included. So thanks to my team that gave their time, brought their smiles, and a few beads with them.. Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

MS Walk

Must have done something right to get three weekends of good weather for volunteer work. Last weekend, our Port of Good Deeds was the Naperville River Walk for the annual Ms Walk. Our Tiki hut/rest tent was in full Buffett style with palm trees, lots of water and great tropical spirit. So thanks for a great past few weeks. Look forward to some more great outings!

Food Drive

Hunger Awareness day is June 5, 2007. The Northern Illinois Food Depository is going to have a full month of events dealing with hunger. On June 1st and 2nd, they will be at local grocery stores collecting all kinds of goods. We'll keep you posted on other Food Depository events as they come up.

Memory Walk 2007

I know many of you have the upcoming concerts on your mind but let's not forget the event we raise the most money for every year. The Alzheimer's Memory Walk is Sunday, September 16th. Our team will be assembling very soon so it's time to start lining up those pledges. More info to follow.



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

Alright Ye bilge rats, gather round the hold! We got things to be discussed. While most of ye captains have been out explorin' on yer own, out to see the world and hopefully kiss the girls (or guys for all ye female type captains), it be time to get down to the business of the fleet! While Captain Kurt handles the pillaging, I mean "raising" of money, I have been setting up the R & R to keep ye happy and ready for more! So to prevent any floggings (and I'm still waiting for the first one of Ye' to get out of line!), let's get to it!

May 11th KOTM Happy Hour at Trader Todd's was a good time! Thanks to all that came out! On **June 1st**, we'll be checking out **Pilot Pete's** at the Schaumburg Regional Airport, 905 W. Irving Park Rd. Schaumburg 60172. 847-891-5100. Pilot Pete's greets you with a large expanse of glass, perfect for watching planes take off and land at the airport. In fact, a manikin dressed as Tattoo from "Fantasy Island" even exclaims "De plane! De plane!" Though Pilot Pete is fictional, the restaurant is filled with real-life props (postcards, memorabilia) documenting the character's adventures. The family-style restaurant serves steaks, seafood, pastas and plenty of sandwiches. Don't forget our **One Particular Tuesday**, at 6:30 PM. Every

second Tuesday of every month, we have an open invite to our members to have a nice Happy Hour at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downer's Grove to see Frank Whiting perform our favorite Buffett tunes! Come out and enjoy the boat drinks and friendships and just to get out for a bit! Fins up!

Fins to the West in Laughlin, Nevada was a great time for the Chicago group! Out of 28 clubs in attendance, we had the 4th highest number of members!!! Hope to see some more out next year for this great event full of bands, boat drinks, and gambling!!!

Fabulous Janes at Sideouts Sports Bar at 4018 Roberts Rd, Island Lake, IL 847-526-7174. C'mon out at 8:00PM on May 19th. This may also be a location for future events like Beer in Hand volleyball, and the band is awesome!

Our special viewing of the final installment of **Pirates of the Caribbean** will be **Tuesday, May 29th!** We're working with Hollywood Boulevard again, and it will be on $\frac{1}{2}$ price margarita pitcher Tuesday, have a Chinese raffle, and the cost is \$10 per person, with all proceeds going to charity! Get the keets ready and sign up starting tonight to get a head count!

July 7th, we'll be hosting a **White Sox game outing!** Thanks to Karen

Boylan! More details on this are listed elsewhere in this newsletter but sign up soon to plan our numbers!

Things to keep a look out for, August 4th. **KOTM-Train Crawl!** Yes, you've read that right! We will be boarding the METRA with all day passes and do a pub Crawl by Train!!! The Crew is working diligently to "scout" our route. It is hard work, but someone has to do it! Stay tuned for more details!

August 12th! **Kane County Cougars Game!** Start Time: 2:00 PM. Jimmy Buffett day at the game with a tribute band afterwards, Cocoloco! More details to come.....

Hey! Have you checked out our MySpace page at MySpace.com/chiphcl Note that our current newsletter's updated monthly on the Chicago parrotheads website! More ways to reach out to our current members and possibly new ones! Seeing as how none of ye need to be clapped in irons, and our ships have a clean bill of health, we can set sail once again for those particular harbors that remind each of us of why we are proud to be Parrotheads in this mismatched, oddball group we call family! And for our first meeting at McNally's.....Slaint! (gaelic for cheers, for those of you that keep wondering.....)



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Attention Parrotheads We Have Announcements!!

Brookfield Zoo

All volunteers should come to the North Gate entrance and park in the main parking lot off of 31st Street. You come into the zoo through a tunnel. We can meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Discovery Center which is the big building just east of the North Gate entrance. That will take us out of the flow of everyone entering the zoo. We'll meet you there and go to the west end of the park where we will cut down the invasive buckthorn and stack it up for the grounds crew to chip up later. Make sure everyone is dressed for work (long pants are best) and bring work gloves and water to drink. The Zoo will provide loppers and saws for cutting the buckthorn. We'll end work at 12 noon. At that point, you are welcome to stay and visit the zoo, have lunch or leave. At least a couple of days prior to the work day I will need a list of names of everyone who is coming so I can provide that to the gate guard for entrance.

MOTM Registration

Time is running out to get registered for MOTM!! This year's trek down to Key West will be November 1-4. Well, you're more than welcome to head down early or stay later or both if you like. You can get registered at PHIP.com. The cost is \$75 and gets you in to all of the official MOTM events as well as a bunch of other goodies. So hurry up if you plan on going. Registration will close once they have 3500 people. And that comes about earlier and earlier every year. And don't forget to register for the sunset cruise on Thursday Nov. 1st. The cost is \$33 and worth every penny. So get ready for fun in the sun and one hell of a party with a purpose!



Alpine Bus Trip Registration

It's time to get on the bus and head up to Alpine Valley for the July 28th Buffet show. Once

again, the price is only \$60 per person. This includes all of your food and drink from the time we pick you up in the morning until we drop you off that night. (concert time not included but we will be firing up the grills shortly before the gates open so you can walk in on a full stomach. We'll see what grill master Kurt has up his sleeves for us this year. Applications are available on the website, just mail it to the club PO box with your check and your choice of pick up locations. (times and locations TBA soon). Now to make an event like this work, we need volunteers! There's a lot of prep work that's done Thursday and Friday night before the trip so if you would like to help out with the shopping, packing or making Jell-O shots and rum punch, see the crew. **Don't forget, we need everyone who is attending to help out with set up, clean up and giving Kurt the occasional break from the grill.** We are presently scouting out hotels for people to stay at after you're dropped off.



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Announcements continued...

As you know, the club does not have tickets for the Alpine concert but in general, they aren't hard to find, even day of. So come on out for what has to be one of the top 100 things to do before you die, and that's tailgate at Alpine Valley.

available at tonight's meeting or you can visit Mrmyers.com or firstchoicecruises.com for



more information.



Mr. Myers Band in Paradise

Warm weather, cruising, tropical islands with sandy beaches, and boat drinks...sound good? Mr. Myers and First Choice Cruises have teamed up with Carnival for a tropical cruise. The dates are February 9th-February 16th, 2008 with 4 shows including a private concert at Margaritaville on Grand Turk Island. Prices begin at 499.99 per person and includes admission to all of Mr. Myers shows. Flyers are

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

- Lynn & Michael Roby
- Will Sampson
- Virginia Wilson
- Geary & Janet McMahon
- Lynn Crowley
- Cindy & Robert Grebic
- Mary & William Kamka
- Terry & Carol Leigh
- Donna Pacione
- Pricilla Simons



They're Growing Older But Not UP!

- 5/18 Stephanie Brehm, Robert Grebic, Steve Slawkin
- 5/23 Jerry Jarems, Jerry Laughlin
- 5/24 Sharon Dyrkacz, Jason Feld
- 5/29 Don Rich
- 6/2 Mike Bresnahan
- 6/5 Kathy Knoch
- 6/6 Ed Bukowski
- 6/8 Beverly Kleinman
- 6/9 Bob Noonan
- 6/10 Sheila Vanek
- 6/12 Dawn Anderson
- 6/15 Mary Meade
- 6/18 Susan Hart



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UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		May	16	17	18	Fabulous Janes at Sideouts 19
Mr. Myers at Durty Nellie's in Palatine 20	21	22	23	24	25	Mr. Myers at The Broken Oar in Port Barrington 26
Mr. Myers-Navy Pier's beer garden 27	28	Pirates of the Caribbean 29	30	31	KOTM June 1	Cleanup at Brookfield Zoo 2
OD TAPO IMI Kane County Cougars game 3	4	5	6	7	Mr. Myers at Pride of the Fox Fest in St. Charles 8	9
10	11	One Particular Tuesday at CIP 12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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Www.phip.com

SAVE THESE DATES!!!!!!

June 30

OD TAPO IMI Crystal Lake Gala

July 7

White Sox Game/Beach Bash

July 21

Buffett in Tinley Park

July 28

Buffett at Alpine

August 4

KOTM Train Crawl

August 12

Kane County Cougars Game

Sept. 16

Memory Walk

Check out our MySpace at myspace.com/chiphc





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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, or visit our website at www.chicagoparrotheads.com. WELCOME!