

The Off-Beaten Path

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From the Captain's Chair

FREE TIME? WHAT'S THAT? It has already been a very busy year and an even busier summer is now upon us. No wonder my family keeps wondering why I'm never around. SORRY MOM! I'LL TRY TO CALL MORE OFTEN! Anyway, as I announced last month, we are in the process of putting together our next big Party with a Purpose event. After several suggestions, numerous discussions at various drinking establishments throughout the greater Chicago land area and countless Coronas, a name for this event has finally been selected: WINDY CITY SOL. So now we have the name to go with the time and place, Saturday, August 25th at 115 Bourbon Street in Merriotte Park, IL from 2-6 pm. As of right now we do not have the bands officially set, but rest assured, we have a few surprises up our

sleeves. So stay tuned! Oh yeah, don't forget to invite your friends and bring in items for the raffle. Right now we're looking for bottles of booze and gift cards for various prizes. Like I said, we have a few surprises up our sleeves. Windy City Sol is a huge undertaking and we need **everyone's** help to make this a success, not just this year, but for years to come. Let's make sure that when we show up for Memory Walk on September 16th and present the Alzheimer's Association with a check, they'll know exactly what Partying with a Purpose is all about. I would like to take a moment and thank everyone for being so receptive to the changes that we have been beginning to implement, especially our new meeting date and place. Yes, I know, pulling buckthorn at the zoo was a bit more tiring than the highway clean-ups, but it was

just as rewarding and the zoo actually serves some pretty tasty boat drinks! And don't forget, we will be going to an online only newsletter in the very near future. If you still want your newsletter mailed to you just let one of the crew members know and we will continue to send it to you. And you can always check out the current newsletter on the club's website as well as the official calendar of events for this summer. Concerts and tailgating and pub crawls OH MY!! There's no shortage of partying and certainly no shortage of purpose this summer. So have fun, be safe, wear sunscreen and I'll see you this summer! But for now I'd better just call my mom.

Cheers!

Mike





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CHARITY PAGE: Party with a Purpose

(AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY)

Charity Chair: Kurt Rubin

Well, first off I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the toiletries drive last month. My car's never smelled this nice before. A couple of huge boxes and a giant stack of brand new bath towels went to some very appreciative women's shelters. Now remember, this is an ongoing program so please keep them coming.

A huge FINZ UP to Hollywood Blvd for once again hosting us for a private screening of the Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. At the end of the evening, just over \$1400 was raised for Misericordia and left us all wondering if we have indeed seen the last of Captain Jack Sparrow. I for one hope not. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the movie and truly made this a Party with a Purpose.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

A big thank you goes out to everyone who headed out to

Brookfield Zoo in our first adventure clearing buckthorn from the woods. The weather was pleasant and the cicadas were nice enough to not be where we were working, for the most part. For those of you who still need to do an environmental project for concert tickets, and also for those of you who just want to do your part for mother earth, you still have two more chances to do that before concert time. The first will be our highway cleanup along Cermak just west of Rt. 83. This will be on Saturday June 30th at 10am in the Holiday Inn parking lot. Mike "Rafone" Erickson and Aymee Zimmerman have volunteered to head up the cleanup. Then on Saturday, July 14th we will again be helping clear buckthorn, but this time it will be at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle at 8:30am. Remember to wear long pants and bring work gloves. As always, feel free to contact me at Kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com

if you have any questions.

Memory Walk

After the concerts are done and the tailgating finally winds down, it's time for Memory Walk. On Sunday, September 16th, we'll be heading down to Montrose Harbor to walk along the shores of Lake Michigan for one of our favorite charities. Last year, we broke our club record for the third straight year with well over \$17,000 given to Alzheimer's Association. This year we hope to shatter that mark and then some. Get registered with our team and start soliciting your friends, your family and everyone else. Now for those of you who like a little party with your purpose, don't forget to invite those friends and family to Windy City Sol at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, IL on Saturday, August 25th. \$30 pays for all of your food and drinks from 2-6pm. Plus we have some great entertainment for you so get your tickets early.



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

Well twist me barnacles! Is that sunlight? Warm breezes and hot weather? Ye gotta love the smell of Summer in the air, and with it the sweet cool taste of boat drinks, the sounds of steel drums and that calypso vibe, the feel of the warm wind movin' Sou' Sou'East, and the sights of less and less clothing on all those glistening bodies.....WHOA there big fella, keep on course! We have had some great times to discuss, and more to come! On a quick note...even though we hacked through the zoo with a machete in the tropical heat and humidity (those of you that were there, you know what I mean!), it ended incredibly with petting and feeding stingrays and drinking Lava Flows on the Tiki Deck. What a way to welcome the Season!

Kick Off the Month Happy Hour at **Pilot Pete's** in Schaumburg turned out to be a great time in the tropical airport atmosphere, and we even survived the minor "hurricane" that blasted the area as we enjoyed the lobster roll, coconut shrimp, and boat drinks! We will not be having any actual Kick off the

Month outings the next couple months due to the 4th of July holiday and another event in August....keep reading for that one!

But don't forget our **One Particular Tuesdays**, start time: 6:30 pm. Every second Tuesday of every month, we will 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, friendships or just to get out for a bit! Fins up!

On **July 7th**, we will be hosting a **White Sox game outing!** Tickets and a special Sox/Parrothead t-shirts are available, so please contact Karen Boylan for details as they take on the Minnesota Twins at 3:00.

Hmmm....what could we be missing.....it has been said before, and I will note it again. **Jimmy Buffett**, live in concert! The **Bama Breeze Tour** will be settling in Chicago on July 21st at Tinley Park and the 28th at Alpine Valley. Anyone with extra tickets must sell them for face value! No scalping in the club!

Make sure to get on board for the Tailgreat party for Tinley, and the busses to Alpine!

On August 4th. **KOTM-Train Crawl!** Yes, you have read that right! We will be boarding the METRA with all day passes and do a pub Crawl by Train!!! It looks like the train will leave from Brookfield and head West and back again! As to where and when? You'll have to get on board the Great Space Coaster to find out!

August 12th! **Kane County Cougars Game!** Start Time: 2:00 PM. Jimmy Buffett Day at the game with a tribute band afterwards, Cocoloco! Start signing up NOW if you plan to attend! We have reserved seats at a cost of just \$10 per ticket! Keets are welcome to come enjoy the fun!!!

Blarney Island Parrothead weekend is on August 18 and 19! Check the official Blarney Island website at www.blarneyisland.com for details. C'mon out and enjoy the music and atmosphere of Howard Livingston and Mr. Myers in the fun and sun at the Key West of the Midwest!



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Attention Parrotheads We Have Announcements!!

Misericordia's Family Fest

This event is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 9. And we need your help! It is time to *PARTY WITH A PURPOSE*! We have once again been asked to help out at the fest by POURING BEER! We need volunteers, ages 21 and over, to help serve up ice-cold Budweiser Beer. Our shift is from noon - 6 pm. And we need lots of help - especially earlier in the day. Volunteer parrot heads are asked to dress in parrot head attire. There will be Jimmy Buffett music playing in the background, as we bring a bit of Margaritaville to this very special day. The Festival is held on the grounds of the North campus at 6300 N. Ridge in Chicago. Please remember that you don't need to be a volunteer to participate at the fest. Misericordia's Family Fest is for all ages. Nearly 13,000 people from all around Chicago and the suburbs flock to the

campus for a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, drink, live entertainment, kids games, rides, bingo, raffles, shopping and a huge flea market. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see the beautiful grounds at Misericordia, and to witness firsthand the incredible spirit of the residents and staff. Our club has supported Misericordia for many years. Family Fest is a great way for us to celebrate the relationship we have built with this fabulous local organization. Come out and spend the day! This is a 'keet friendly event. Sign up will begin at the July club meeting. You can also contact Barb directly - barb@chicagoparrotheads.com. Remember - space is *extremely* limited. Thanks!

Chicago Fire Tickets

Michelle DiGiacomo is a new member to our club and she has a huge amount of soccer tickets (1,000 to be exact) for the Chicago Fire game on Thursday, July 12th. The Chicago Fire in

conjunction with FireWorks for Kids Foundation would like to invite you out for this event. The FireWorks for Kids Foundation and the charitable arm of the Chicago Fire major league soccer team has been working with local Chicago land businesses and individuals to help make this event a success. These companies have purchased tickets which have been donated to the foundation to allow groups such as yours the chance to attend a Fire game. Please come early to enjoy the FireFest area which includes interactive games, inflatables, music and other activities for fans of all ages. FireFest will be inside the stadium at Gate B. Would love to see you and your group at Toyota Park on July 12th at 8:00pm. when the Fire take on the Houston Dynamo. The tickets should be in by June 24th. If you would like tickets, just drop a line to Michelle at directeffect@ameritech.net. She will contact you when she gets them and mailing them to you is an option. Thank you Michelle for offering these tickets to us!!!



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Announcements continued...

MOTM

FYI, there are less than 1000 spots left for MOTM registration. Once they are full, that is it! So hurry up and go to PHIP.com and get yourself registered. This cost is only \$75 and that gets you in to some of the best parties in Key West. And speaking of some of the best parties, don't forget to sign up for the Great Lakes Sunset Cruise on Thursday November 1st. The cost for this is \$33 per person. This price is the same as it was last year. This includes all of your beer, wine and rum for the two hour cruise. The boat leaves at 4:30 from the Conch Republic.

For those of you that are heading down to Key West for MOTM, could you please email Mike with the following information:

Name

Dates you'll be in Key West

Hotel name

Your cell phone number

We will have all of this information printed on a name tag so everyone can keep in touch with

each other. In the past, we have found this to be helpful. Besides, this is Key West-some nights you need to be reminded yourself.



Blarney Gras

Blarney Gras on Blarney's Island is on July 15th!!! If you've never been to the island, it is a MUST! It's certainly a tropical escape. Mr. Myers will be playing from 2-6. With warm weather, great friends, tropical music, ice cold beers and great boat drinks, what could be better than this? See you there!

LET'S GIVE A HUGE WARM
PARROTHEAD WELCOME TO
THIS NEW MEMBER

Donna Pacione

They're Growing Older But Not UP!

- 07/1 John Simons
- 07/3 Art Comings
- 07/5 Kristyn McClearn
- 07/6 Billy Brehm
Mike Erickson
- 07/8 Jennifer Marren
Janice Osowski
- 7/9 Ty Needham
- 7/10 Dennis Koliboski
- 7/13 Ed Wilmot



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Heard it on the Coconut Telegraph

Mac MacAnally

On Friday, July 20th, yes, that's the night before TailGreat, Mac McAnally will be coming back to the Coliseum in Mokena. Ticket price is \$15. The venue is located at 191st and LaGrange Rd. It's just south of I-80 on the east side of LaGrange rd, behind the White Castle. I know what you're thinking. I won't say it. Anyway, Jean Motal has volunteered to pick up tickets for anyone who wants them. Just contact the crew and we will get you in contact with her. Tickets for the show tend to increase on the day of so get them in advance to avoid paying a few extra bucks. And while you are at the Coliseum, try the Loaded Corona., it's a bottle of Corona topped off with Margaritaville Island Lime Tequila and lime. It's a fine way to kick off the concert weekend.

There are still spots left on the Alpine Valley Buses. So if you have not signed up or you have additional guests you would like to bring with, now is the time to get on board! Just go to www.chicagoparrotheads.com and download the registration form and mail it to the club P.O. Box. In a nutshell, \$60 covers all of your tailgating food and drinks for the entire day. If you have never been to Alpine, let me just say, you are in for a ride you will not soon forget. Ok, sure, there are cases of people having no memory at all of the entire day but that's another story. Say, I should probably mention the date. It's Saturday, July 28th, just one week after the Tinley concert and TailGreat. So get ready kiddies for one wild trip!




This year, we're heading back to the forest preserve for TailGreat 2007. On Saturday, July 21st from 12-4 we will be out at Burr Oaks picnic grove located at 136th and Harlem Ave. (Just 5 miles north of the concert venue) It's on the east side of Harlem and we'll be at the first picnic pavillion. Not like we're hard to spot. \$10 will cover all of your food and non-alcoholic drinks as well as entertainment provided by Frank Whiting. Many of you remember Frank for the tremendous show he put on at the Cocobowl Pool Party. Tailgreat is BYOB so bring your coolers and your favorite boat drinks. For those of you not heading to the concert, the party will keep going until dusk. That's when the cops will ask up to leave. But in the meantime, we'll have Radio Margaritaville playing on the Sirius radio so you can at least catch the start of the show. Remember, all are welcome to attend but we need a head count. Prepayment would be nice too as there's a lot of food to buy. As always, we could use some help with setup, cleanup and grilling. Kurt needs the occasional break from the grill. So let's start praying to the Tiki Gods now for good weather, because we already know it will be a day filled with good drinks and even better friends. See you there!



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UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		June	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	Highway Cleanup 30
July 1	2	3	 4	5	6	White Sox Beach Bash 7
8	9	10	11	12	13	Morton Arboretum-Cleanup 14
15	16	17	Club Meeting at McNally's 18	19	20	Buffett-Tinley Park 21
22	23	24	25	26	27	Buffett-Alpine Valley Bus 28

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SAVE THESE DATES!!!!!!

June 30

OD TAPO IMI-Crystal Lake Gala

July 13

Mr. Myers at KeyWester's in Naperville

July 15

Blarney Gras at Blarney Island in Antioch

July 20

Mac MacAnally show at the Coliseum

August 4

KOTM Train Crawl

August 12

Kane County Cougars Game

August 18

Blarney Island Parrot Head Weekend

August 19

Blarney Island Parrot Head Weekend

August 25

1st Annual Windy City Sol

Sept. 16

Memory Walk





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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!