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From the Captain's Chair



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Captain's Logbook

Ninth Entry: August 19, 2009

To me Crew and Officers, what can I possibly say to top the experiences for these last two weeks? Not only have we

proven our mettle lasting from sunup to sundown, but we had the unique opportunity to sit with the Crew of the Great Buffett fleet themselves! Nadirah Shakoor, Doyle Grisham, Jim Mayer, and Jake Shimabukura could not have been more gracious and respectful to the fans, and our members. We partied like it was the end of the world, and in due course, found we raised over \$800 in one day alone for our Alzheimer's charity while doing it. With one more concert to go, I

can safely say this was an incredibly productive and fun season to see Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers. I look forward now to representing our club at MOIM and telling the tales of the success of the Chicago Parrot Head Club! Sail on my phriends, August was truly a lovely cruise.

Respectfully,

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King



Meet and Greet Toyota Park with the Coral Reefers





AND THE BLUE RIBBON GOES TO TOYOTA PARK FOR BEING THE BEST VENUE TO SEE JIMMY BUFFETT

This is the second year Jimmy has performed at Toyota Park and hands down, this is the best venue to see and hear the concert. Once again, we have had nothing but rave review's about the entire day.

"I thought everything about it was great. Our tailgate area with the private port a potties and all those picnic tables really rocked. We will definitely sign on for next year. Dee "

"I thought the tailgate was great, the venue clean, the venue staff attentive and the sound was very good I think they should raise the stage to make it more visible." Cheryl

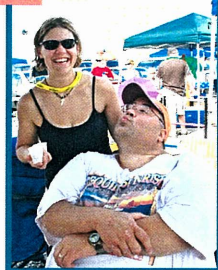
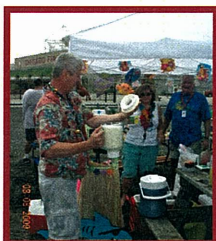
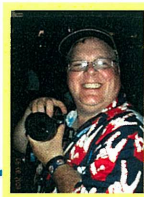
"I can only comment on hearing the concert from the parking lot and it was excellent. Lots of songs everyone should know by heart right off the bat and Jimmy brought out "Gypsies in the Palace", a song I first heard at my very first concert back in 1986. But the heat had tempered, there was a light breeze and the acoustics were perfect The tailgating was a tremendous good time- whoever brought the big ole bowl of fruit salad - yum and thank you for allowing me to temporarily believe I was eating healthy! There was so much good stuff that I did a lot of nibbling all day long. It was a great sunny, warm day spent with good friends, good food and good cheer." Julie

"I chuckled at the "PARKING IS WHAT IT IS! So please no comments on that..." Leave it to me to comment on it anyhow!!!!!! Aside from our quick discussion about the one particular Parking Nazi; I thought the parking (even 'shrinkwrap' spots) worked pretty well. Please tell Toyota Park that the Red Shirted Security Guys were OUTSTANDING (I know there were gals there too, but I only interacted with the male form!)." Keith

"The way Toyota Park personnel take care of their property and guests was outstanding. Garbage was constantly picked up, trash cans never overflowed, and having the port a pots cleaned half way thru the day was truly a task that was welcomed. And then after the show was over there were representatives driving around with battery charges for those that had too much fun to remember to turn their car auxiliary off. Toyota Park thought of it all. " Rafone

"Buffett was a blast! Jimmy certainly did not dissappoint. He had us on our feet the whole time and even surprised us all with Joe Perry from Aerosmith joining him on stage for a song. He only gets better with age!" Katie

Miscellaneous comments: *"Great idea having Ice sold in the parking lot". "Having a larger open area for the Chicago Club was awesome", "Security personnel were great to work with". "Truly a positive experience, best venue to see any con*



From Your Cruise Director —Karen Boylan Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com



In the words of Jerry Garcia—what a long strange trip its been... which just about sums up the month since our last meeting. August we partied partied and partied and September is packed full of purpose... just check out Todd's page and you will see. So to give everyone a chance to catch their breath we have a light social calendar.

September 10 is **One Particular Thursday** at Cheeseburger in Paradise Downers Grove. Frank Whiting will be on stage singing Buffett tunes and we will have our usual table upfront at apx. 6:30-ish.

Sept. 26 some members of the club are participating in the **The Fat Tire Memorial Tour of Lake Geneva**, a fun bicycle ride on paved roads around Geneva Lake Wisconsin. Beginning with a mass group start at Champ's Sports Bar & Grill in the City of Lake Geneva, it consists of nine designated stops at sponsoring taverns. Proceeding at your own pace, the ride is approximately 21.5 miles and the "rest" stops are evenly spaced. Participating businesses are Champ's, Fischer's Bar & Grill, Shifters Bar and Food, The Owl Tavern, Gordy's Boat House, Chuck's Lake Shore Inn, Harpoon Willies, Lucke's Cantina, and Mars Resort Bar & Grill. The ride is held rain or shine and travels through Lake Geneva, Fontana and Williams Bay with great views of Geneva Lake and Lake Como. The wesite is www.fattirememorialtour.com if you need more info.

The Return of Cocobowl

Cocobowl is when us Parrot Heads take up perch in a bowling alley. In the past this event was in March, but it needed a makeover so we put it on hiatus... so here are the new and improved details.

WHO: All Current, Past and New Chicago Parrot Heads and their family and friends!

WHAT: Cocobowl Membership Renewal Party

WHERE: Fox Bowl, 1101 Butterfield Road, Wheaton, IL

WHEN: Saturday October 3, 2009 Food at 8:00 Bowling at 9:15

WHY: To Celebrate Being Parrot Heads & raise money for Good Samaratin's NICU

HOW MUCH: Chicago Parrot Members Couples \$85 Single \$50

*Includes: Pizza Buffett, 3 Games Scotch Double Bowling, Shoe Rental
AND One Year Membership in the Chicago Parrot Head Club*

Non- Members \$30 Each *includes food, bowling and shoe rental.*

For those interested in making a whole day or even a weekend of it. We have block of rooms at the Downers Grove Doubletree hotel. 2111 Butterfield Rd, Downers Grove. (The same as where Party In Parrotidise was held.) There is a great atrium or pool to hang out in, all the rooms are suites and can accommodate four people, And they will provide a free shuttle to and from the bowling alley. The Chicago Parrot Head Rate is \$89 call 630-971-2000 to make your reservation.

SPACE IS LIMITED.....So reserve early by contacting Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com mail payment to club Po Box or pay by credit card using paypal — payments@chicagoparrotheads.com



KRISTIN'S KORNER...Kristin McFadden—Secretary... Kristin@chicagoparrotheads.com

Changes in Latitude

Jim and Liz Whaley spent 12 days in the Exuma Islands of the southern Bahamas. It is an out of the way spot with miles of amazing beaches and some of the most amazing water your mind could ever conjure up. Ever see the scene in one of the Pirates of Caribbean movies where they are sword fighting in the big water wheel as it rolls down the mountain eventually coming to rest on the beach? They visited that exact spot last year with a boat captain who worked on the film crew shuttling people back and forth from the set. They were down here last year, just after Buffett in Chicago and ran into people they met at Buffett in Angulla and had just seen and partied with at the Chicago show. Never know who you may run into on these out of the way islands! This time around Jim and Liz planned a trip to a place called Thunderball Grotto where they actually filmed scenes from the James Bond movie Thunderball. They went for an amazing boat trip through a group of small islands that runs for about 100 miles called the Exuma Cays. While passing through they saw: Private Island owned by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, Private Island owned by Nickolas Cage, And finally a whole collection of private islands owned by David Copperfield which you can see if visit the web site for Musha Cay. Absolutely mind blowing. The weather was beyond beautiful. Warm enough to stay in the ocean for hours everyday.

On July 8th **Alina surprised Vince** with a 4 day Wedding Anniversary Cruise.. Port of calls.. Key West, Florida & Cozumel, Mexico. They had a blast in both ports even took in a Margaritaville tour in Key West. They stopped at 4 different bars.. Capt. Tony's, Sloppy Joe's, another one by the pier (don't remember the name) and of course Margaritaville having drinks in each one. Than they had to leave (ship sailed at 2:00pm) and then on to Mexico. Went straight to Margaritaville when we docked and had a BLAST... even paraded to Cheeseburger in Paradise dressed as parts of a cheesburger! When Vince asked one of the servers if he knew about our club shirt he told him to go to the bar on the pier which had swings for bar stools and there it was hanging up on the wall!!

Get well Soon~~ Irene asked me to say Thank you to the club's Friendship Fund for the "chocolate strawberry" arrangements. I believe half of them are now on my right hip and the other half are on my left hip! Surgery went well, but gosh was I sore and tired. Not till this week do I actually feel like myself. I really didn't know how bad things were until my doctor kept insisting I get blood transfusions, which I refused. But everything ended well...didn't need those parts anymore!



Anniversary Wishes

Tiffany and Jeremy Biros went to the Bahamas for a week swimming with the sharks and celebrating their 5 year wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!!!



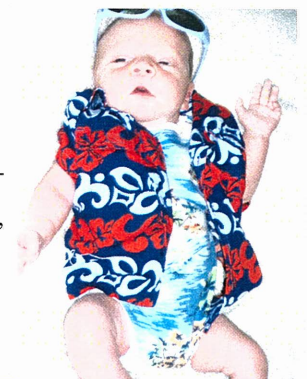
Wedding Bells.....

For those of you that have been in the club a long time remember **Joe and Dana**, well they recently married in Key West. Guests included **Rafone and Molly**, and **Neil and Mary Jo Compton**. Returning home they made it out to the Rockford area to see Scott Kirby, and look who runs into them, but **Sharon Marek**. Pictured with Sharon are Scott Kirby and Newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sebek.



Our newest Keet.....Sean Patrick Marren

Even though we didn't make it to the concert, we listened to Radio Margaritaville and had fun with a Buffett fan who did not want to put down the bottle and kept us up all night.... **Jenny and Kevin Marren** ... Just think, 21 years from now, it will be a bottle of Landshark



The Pirate Hood Page
 ser'in' me rum t' take from the rich
 an' help the needy

Money raised from The Meet and Greet for Alzheimer's Association:

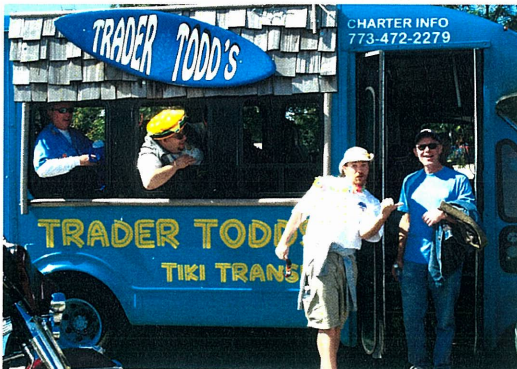
Saturday, August 8th, 2009 \$528.

Saturday, August 15th, 2009 \$700

Money Raised from "Get Lei'd" \$260.00

This money will be donated to our Memory Walk team. As a reminder, Memory Walk is on Sunday, September 13th, 2009 at Montrose Harbor. You can join our team, donate to a phriend of yours that is walking or make a contribution to the general team fund at <http://memorywalk.kintera.org/chicago2009/chicagoparrotheads>

We will have the Tiki Transit bring us to Trader Todd's after the walk (estimated time of departure is 11AM—check the Yahoo! Group for more information).



**Beer Pour for Family Fest
 BUD BEER TENT**

MISERICORDIA

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13,
 2009**

They want 8 people only per session.

10:30—1:30 ~ need 8 volunteers

1:30— 4:00 ~ need 8 volunteers

4:00—6:00 ~ need 8 volunteers

Please contact Todd to sign up

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alzheimer's association
memory walk
 Taking steps to end Alzheimer's

Environmental Project

We have a perfect opportunity and tie-in for our environmental project this year:

Arrr, load the gully with rum, raise the sails and cast away me pretties as we set our sights on North A'enuue Beach on Talk Like a Pirate Day (Saturday, September 19th)!, shiver me timbers! Aye, why, you ask? For an en'ironmental project which in'ol'es lei'in' people. Aye.

The first Annual Chicago Beachathlon is bein' held that day. Aye, the 4 mile run (complete with 5 Fun Filled Beach Obstacles--think Palm Tree Maze) benefits 1% For the Planet. Gar. 1% For The Planet has become one o' the largest contributors o' en'ironmental causes throughout the world. Gar, Where can I find a bottle o' rum?

The Beachathlon is sponsored by LANDSHARK Beer (among other much less important--at least t' us--businesses). Arrr, all finishers get Lei'd and we have been asked t' be the Lei'ees (or if that's not your thin' you can the the hula with the authentic Hula Dancers that will be on hand. Ye'll ne'er get me buried booty! Ahoy, on top o' that, thar's a Costume Contest for the most tropically inspired costume. Aye, your charity director has already signed up t' run in the race and will be wearin' his Pirate Costume that day. Arrr, if I don't win the contest Me may have t' resort t' Bob Noonan tactics (I am a pirate after all and the rules be more like guidelines). Aye.

Arrr, the Tiki Transit may be a'ailable for us that day as well t' transport us t' Trader's Todd-- wouldn't we be a sight t' see thar all decked out in our Pirate Gear.

Aye, in case you missed the 2nd Landshark tent in the parkin' lot at Toyota Park (you know the one that had the short line) and you want t' know more about the race you can set your 21st Century Na'igational de'ice t' <http://www.chicagobeachathlon.com> Aye. Ahoy, email me if you're goin' t' go, Sa'ie? Gar Arrr, and if you do go please brin' your best bottle o' rum as I may need it before Mile Marker 1.

Membership news from Pirate Mama Aymee...



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!ALOHA PHriends !

We have some NEW PHLOCK MEMBERS to recognize this month of August !!!

Please take a moment to Greet them with a warm "**Aloha !**"

Welcome C. Mitchell and Jeane M. George !

Their OPH is Acapulco and their Favourite song is Margaritaville!

We also have a special new addition to our Club as well !

Baby Sean Marren was born on July 30th at 8:40 p.m. to Jenny & Kevin.

Their sweet lil 'Keet weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz ! Way to go !



Growing older but not up.... Big Birthday wishes to.....

Pat Eberhardt ~ August 18th

Mary Kay Rich ~ August 18th

Chris Clausel ~ August 19th

Keith Cross ~ August 20th

Teresa Carter ~ August 21st

Bob Gard ~ August 23rd

Jamie Wall ~ August 26th

John Ferbend ~ August 27th

MaryJo Compton ~ August 29th

Beth Boudreau ~ September 3rd

Jeff Monroe ~ September 4th

Jim Ferrell ~ September 5th

Don Wegner ~ September 5th

Julie Hardesty ~ September 7th

Cherene Durano ~ September 7th

Grayceanne Paoletti ~ September 7th

Jake Sibley ~ September 10th

Greg Bukowski ~ September 11th

Tim Crowley ~ September 12th

Karri Kartes ~ September 13th

Paul Perkins ~ September 15th

Vince Stevens ~ September 17th

ALL HANDS ON DECK !!!

Please don't forget to sign up for our Birthday list !

Please point your browser to:
<http://www.birthdayalarm.com/dob/4413319a1886359b363>

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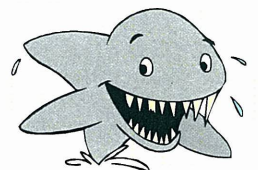
please add PARROTHEAD in the first name line **BEFORE** your name. Also, feel free to add any Anniversaries if you'd like !

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SPAM FROM THIS SITE !!!

If you do not feel comfortable using the link, please email me with your NAME and Birthday/ Anniversary info and I will add you to the list without Birthday Alarm.

Thanx !

Aymee@ChicagoParrotHeads.com



THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL

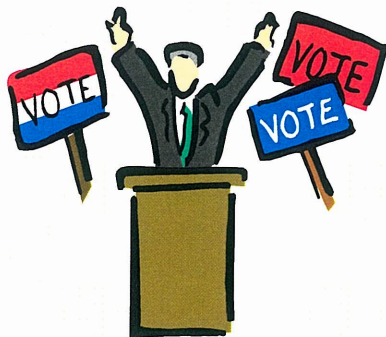
AND I WISH YOU

A RAG~TOP~MONTH

Always,

Pirate Mama Aymee





2009 ELECTION'S

Proposed Crew Positions available are:
Treasurer, Membership Director, Social Director



Per our club's by laws, these are the only three positions open this year for election.

If a current board member up for election wishes to continue in his or her current position you must also submit a nomination to the Election officer

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between August 1, 2009 and September 1, 2009.

Any member of CPHC shall have the opportunity to submit to the election officer a nomination for consideration of office. Applications must comply with the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing.
2. Applicant must have been a member of CPHC for three (3) full months prior to nomination for his/her position.
3. Applicant must submit their nomination for consideration to the Election judge no later than September 1, 2009.

For complete details on officer responsibilities, please reference our club By-Laws which are posted on the club's website.

*****Please support the bands
and business that support us....*****

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SHOPPING FOR A PURPOSE!

Since you can not avoid the shopping why not at least get the benefit of helping out our club. The following retailers give a percent of your purchases to the club:



GFS sells food and party supplies in bulk, much like Costco without the required membership.

Our account is under **Midwest Caribbean Association** so mention that at check out so we get credit for the sale. They have locations in Villa Park, Burbank, Orland, Aurora, Lansing, Joliet, Palatine, Olympia Fields, Merrville and Michigan City to name just a few. www.gfs.com for more info.



Amazon.com sells more than books & CDs. You can get MP3 downloads, housewares, toys and anything else.

So when shopping for yourself or a gift. Go to the club's website www.chicagoparrotheads.com At the bottom of the home page is a search box for Amazon.com follow that link and shop as usual.

August/September 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 19 <i>Club Meeting</i> Elmhurst Public House 7:30-9:30 | 20 | 21 | 22 <i>OD TAPO IMI</i> Cabana Charlies, Woodridge, IL |
| 23 <i>Local Favorite Band</i> Lake Geneva Venetian fest | 24 Karaoke with Quinn CIP/Downers Grove | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Mr. Myers Duo</i> Hemmingway's, Lake Geneva, WI *** <i>Local Favorite Band</i> Sam McGuires, Orland Park, IL | 29 <i>Buffett</i> Alpine Valley *** <i>Mr. Myers</i> Chuck's Lakeshore Inn Fontana, WI |
| 30 <i>Mr. Myers Duo</i> Sideouts, Island Lake IL | 31 Karaoke with Quinn CIP/Downers Grove | September 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Mr. Myers</i> , Port Clinton Square, High- land Park, IL | 4 <i>Local Favorite Band</i> Arlington Park Race Track | 5 |
| 6 <i>Mr. Myers</i> . Capt. Jack's Pirate Fest. East Dubuque, IA | 7 Karaoke with Quinn CIP/Downers Grove | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>Memory Walk</i> *** <i>Misericordia Family Days</i> *** <i>Pirates over 40</i> at Misericordia Family Days | 14 Karaoke with Quinn CIP/Downers Grove | 15 Last day to register for MOTM | 16 <i>Club Meeting</i> Elmhurst Public House 7:30-9:30 | 17 | 18 | 19 First Annual Chicago Beachathlon *** <i>Mr. Myers</i> Starved Rock, Utica, IL *** National "Talk like a Pirate" day...RRRRRRRRRR |

October 3, 2009 COCOBOWL

For complete details on times and locations, check either the club's website calendar www.chicagoparrotheads.com or the individual band's websites. Links posted on page 7.