



# Chicago Parrot Head News



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## From the Captain's Chair



**Billy Brehm—President**  
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### Captain's Logbook

*Sixteenth Entry: March 24, 2010*  
*My word, what a vast difference a month and some sun can make in a man's*

*spirits! And spirits were surely had this month! 'Visce beatha is Gaelic, which the English turned into usquebaugh which was then shortened into.....WHISKEY! (by the way.....the gaelic words literally mean the Water of Life. I knew they had their priorities straight!) Now me thinks we be a rum swillin' gang of cutthroats, but fer this month as we celebrated St. Patrick's...a flask of whiskey and a pint of Guinness never hurt no one! I raise a toast to our lads and*

*lassies now that we have a definite course! The concerts be coming and we know the latitude and longitude of each, great parties be happenin next month, and so many gatherings it be hard to track, but until then.....Slainte me hearties!*

*Bloody Bill*

*The Pirate King*

*St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time -- a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic. ~Irish Proverb*

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We will soon be taking reservations for the Alpine Bus Trip, June 26, 2010. \$10.00 deposit will hold your spot. This concert is sold out, the bus could be too. First Come basis. Don't miss out. Details to follow.



Party in Parrot Dis  
2010  
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*From Your Cruise Director —Karen Boylan*

[Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com)

#### TICKET & CONCERT BIDNESS

**If you signed up for club tickets and have not already done so please pay for them ASAP, the deadline to pay was March 10.** The cost of tickets are \$136. if you have not already signed up and had a change of heart talk to Micky O'Connor and sign up for club tickets we have just a few left and they are first come first serve.

#### One Particular Thursday

March was a small turn out but now it is spring, time to get out and hear Frank Whiting play Buffett favorites and our other requests. The next **One Particular Thursday at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downers Grove is Thursday April 8 at 7:00 pm.**

#### Calling All Virgins — Rocky Horror Picture Show

You know that fine line between Saturday Night and Sunday Morning well we are going to leap right over it. **Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>, we are going to see the Rocky Horror Picture Show at Hollywood Blvd. in Woodridge.** We will meet in the lobby between 11:30 and 11:45. Please let Karen know if you plan to attend we will be purchasing tickets on our own at the theatre. .

There is a live performance cast that will be running the festivities and they do not allow outside props into the movie but for a nominal fee they sell a Rocky Horror kit with everything you need. For those who are Hollywood Blvd or Rocky Horror virgins check out [www.atriptothemovies.com](http://www.atriptothemovies.com) to find out the etiquette for Rocky Horror. Those of you that have done the Time Warp again and again you will be happy to know

Hollywood Blvd begged, borrowed & pleaded in order to get a brand new print stricken from the original 1975 negative kept in a British film vault. This is the original full length motion picture featuring "Super Heroes" and other scenes that we're cut from the highly edited American release version. This is not the typical 20 year old print full of cuts, splices, crackling soundtrack, and faded colors. This is the only brand new theatrical print released and is mixed in Dolby Stereo!

#### KOTM—Kick Off The Month

Thanks to the Tropps for hosting the return of the Kick Off the Month Happy Hour at Flip Flops Tiki Bar in Carol Stream. Since many of our members will be celebrating Easter the first weekend of April we will not be holding a Kick Off The Month next month (but if anyone is need of some tropical music Todd Donnelly will be playing the Steel Drums at Flip Flops that Saturday.) Bob Noonan will host the KOTM at Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort in Wrigleyville the first Friday in May, what a great time to get together and relive all those PIP memories. On July 2 Ron Horne will be leading us to Kick Off the Month in a style worthy of Duval Street, one our favorite MOTM artists—Scott Kirby will be playing at the Key Wester in Naperville. However that leaves June wide open—got a great bar we should check out? Sign up to host June—or pass the information along to me and I can set it up!

#### Socials, Socials, Socials

I am looking for feedback on some of the suggestion for socials for that have come in and I am considering planning — Glow in Dark Mini-Golf outing, A Camping trip, White Sox Beach Bash Baseball Game (July 10), and Blarney Island Parrot Head weekend, something like Tony & Tina's wedding or Tommy Guns. Drop me an email or chat with me let me know what interests you or what other ideas you may have.

# Chicago Parrotheads

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April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

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Gurnee, IL

## \$15.00 Advance/\$20 At The Door

There will be a cash bar with drink specials, 50/50 raffles, door prizes, raffle prizes and tropical vendors.

Musical Acts:

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Kristin's Korner... Kristin McFadden Secretary Kristin@chicagoparroheads.com

Parrotheads Do the BVI, February 2010



Just a quick synopsis, since Gumz the story-telling shark is working on the full dirt – the Tropps, Carters and Wegners spent a week sailing the British Virgin Islands aboard the catamaran "Breanker". Also with us were Ann and Ted Owens (friends from California) and our fearless Captain Kristian and his wife/First Mate, Marianne. Kristian and Marianne took excellent care of us as we island hopped from one beautiful bay to another. Some of the highlights: snorkeling the caves at Norman Island,

getting rum-dumb on the Willy T, the water trail at the Baths on Virgin Gorda, using a boogie board as a floating bar, being the only people on the tiny island of Sandy Spit, lobster dinner and self-service bar at Sidney's Peace and Love on Jost Van Dyke, sleeping

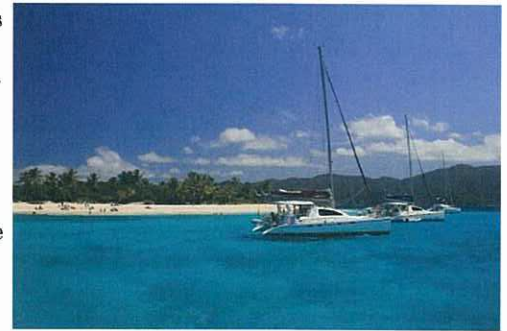


under the stars (at least for awhile), dancing at Cane Garden Bay, reggae music, laughing uncontrollably at really bad BB King jokes, the girls posing for a "nudie" picture in the water (WHAT???), dinghy rides with Cheryl as the "masthead", countless fabulous snorkels, hearing great stories from the Captain and First Mate, kayaking, Tom's great pictures (which is why he isn't in any of them!), Marianne's fabulous cooking, cocktails at 10 AM and...well, there were just too many to list them all. It was a learning experience too. Among the many home truths that we learned were that Cheryl doesn't drink because she's thirsty, Teresa shot someone with a bb gun when she was 9, you can openly insult anyone as



Sailing into Cane Garden Bay

long as you follow it by fondly saying "Bless his heart", white sea urchins look a lot like Bill's beard, you can retrieve sunglasses from the bottom of the sea with a fishing pole, sitting on the trampoline while under sail gives you "bigeysers" (cross between bidet and geysers...work with me here, there was lots of rum involved), Bill REALLY likes bacon, Tom is an evil genius who comes up with great tricks to play on sleeping boat-mates, boobs and poop make the world go round, Don will not make out in the bushes (not even on a deserted island), Dee will not let anyone pee on her legs even if it does work on fire coral stings, and oh, so many more. It was quite educational! A fabulous time was had by all!



Sandy Cay! "The most perfect island in the world"

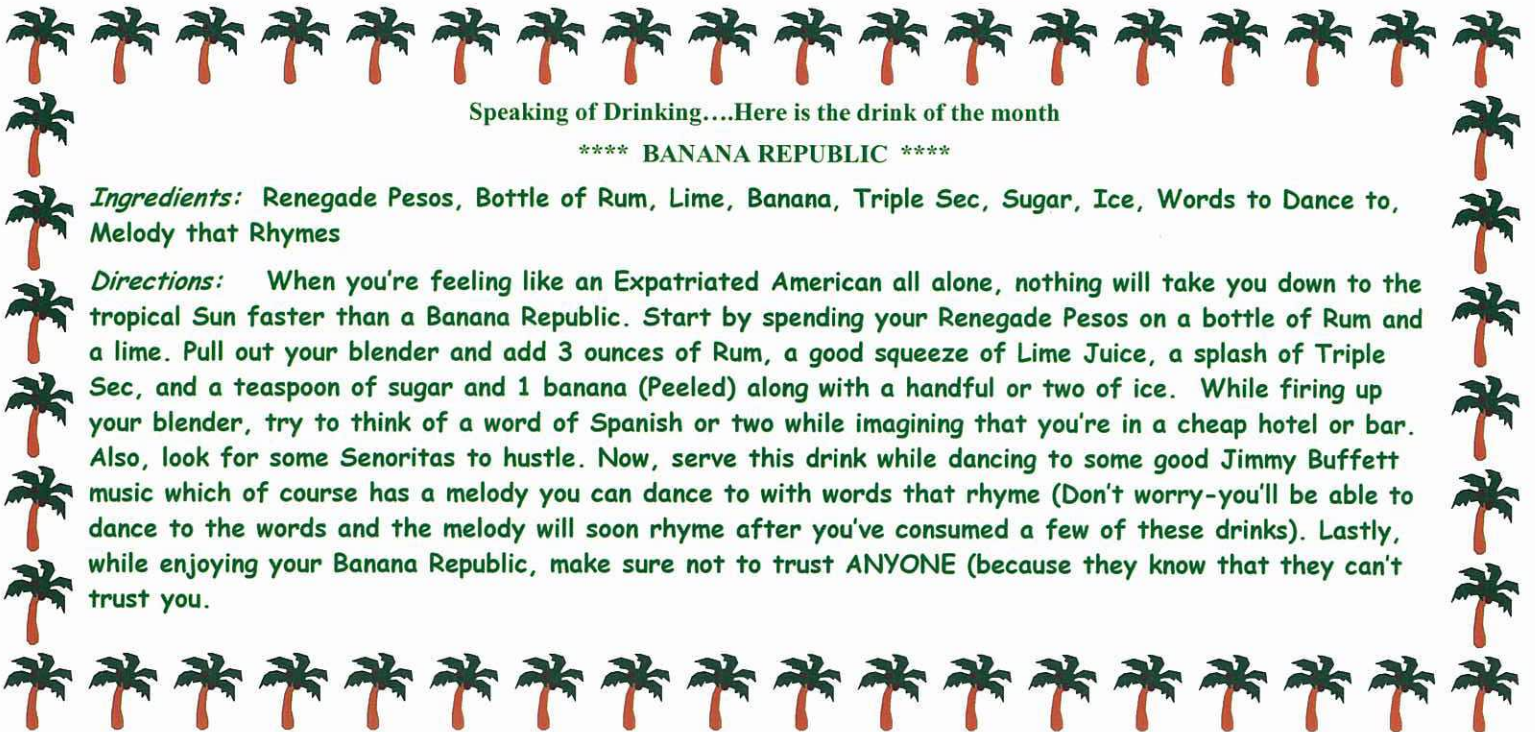
Cheryl's motto: "I don't drink because I'm thirsty".

Speaking of Drinking....Here is the drink of the month

\*\*\*\* BANANA REPUBLIC \*\*\*\*

Ingredients: Renegade Pesos, Bottle of Rum, Lime, Banana, Triple Sec, Sugar, Ice, Words to Dance to, Melody that Rhymes

Directions: When you're feeling like an Expatriated American all alone, nothing will take you down to the tropical Sun faster than a Banana Republic. Start by spending your Renegade Pesos on a bottle of Rum and a lime. Pull out your blender and add 3 ounces of Rum, a good squeeze of Lime Juice, a splash of Triple Sec, and a teaspoon of sugar and 1 banana (Peeled) along with a handful or two of ice. While firing up your blender, try to think of a word of Spanish or two while imagining that you're in a cheap hotel or bar. Also, look for some Senoritas to hustle. Now, serve this drink while dancing to some good Jimmy Buffett music which of course has a melody you can dance to with words that rhyme (Don't worry-you'll be able to dance to the words and the melody will soon rhyme after you've consumed a few of these drinks). Lastly, while enjoying your Banana Republic, make sure not to trust ANYONE (because they know that they can't trust you).



## Kristin's Korner cont....**Bob 'n' Sharon do Disney!!**

First, Sharon and I spent 4 fun-filled days at Disney World in Orlando in late February! The food was awesome (we dined German, Moroccan and Japanese), and we managed to hook up a couple of times with my niece who works at the Animal Kingdom park there. For the most part the weather was warm - mid 70's - and I even managed to get Sharon to ride Rockin' Rollercoaster and Tower of Terror....twice!! We stayed at the All-Star Music Resort (one of the economy hotels on the property) but when we got there we were surprised to find that we'd been randomly selected for a room upgrade!! Our suite had a living room, bedroom, kitchen area and TWO BATHROOMS!! A very nice convenience for us folks of a certain age...

## **Bob Dunbar's son is a Marine on the West Coast....here is an update!**

And now the latest on Mike... In January, his squad was selected to represent his company (Charlie company) in a competition against squads from the other 2 companies in the battalion. The competition - called Super Squad - is Marine Cops wide, and involves tests of physical fitness, timed runs through the obstacle course, land navigation, setting up ambushes and last but not least, a squad attack exercise (with live ammunition). There are four rounds of the competition; first at the battalion level, then regimental, then the division and in the final round the winning squad from each division meet to see who's the best squad in the Marine Corps. The grand prize for the ultimate winning squad is a special badge for their uniform blouses, meritorious promotions for all, and a trip to the White House to meet the President!

Mike's squad won the battalion-level round against Alpha and Bravo companies, and moved on to the next level of competition against the winning squads from the other 3 battalions in the regiment. The regimental contest was held two weeks ago, and even though they trained hard for it, Mike said they came in "a close second". He said they clearly got whipped on the physical conditioning phase, but he said they all felt they'd won the other phases, especially the squad attack. All of the other squads screwed up badly enough that the evaluators made them repeat the attack even though only the first one counted. In Mike's humble opinion, they got robbed... But so did his battalion commander and even the regimental master sergeant thought they'd won it so it's obvious that Mike's opinion is respected at the highest levels... (yeah right...) But all was not in vain! Even though they didn't win, he received a promotion anyway! So he's now **Lance Corporal Dunbar!** (And for all you firearms freaks, Mike is the squad SAW gunner. That means he has to carry around the 18 lb. M-249 light machine gun and a boatload of ammunition instead of a 7 lb. M-16 like the rest of the squad...weenies... But on the bright side, he was issued 400 rounds of ammo for the competition, and when I asked how many he let off, his answer was "Pffff - All of 'em! Duh!")

## **Motal's Bed and Breakfast....**

Our first official visitors **Carol and Terry Leigh** arrived in February, our first stop was Margaritaville/Glendale, where the Chicago club's shirt is proudly hanging. We were able to visit Mexico, Tombstone, Tortilla Flats, and even get in some shopping. The weather here was very cooperative, Chicago on the other hand not so much, they were suppose to leave on Tuesday, but due to the snow storm, we were fortunate enough to have one extra day to visit. The day they left, we had another friend arrive to spend some time with us. Then Jean's brother and sister in law arrived, their visit was two weeks long which included a 5 day trip to California to see Jean's youngest brother and sister in law, once we returned to Arizona, we attended the White Sox Spring Training opener in Glendale. A week later, more friends arrived, off to the Cub spring training game, Jean is having nightmares about going to a Cub game, but all is OK. A week later, Motal's are off to California again for John's aunt's 80th birthday celebration, held at the Ronald Regan Library. Yes we do have some classy relatives.



## **Mexico with the Noonan's and Crowley's**



During the snowy days of February we escaped the winter of Chicago and went to Los Cabos, Mexico. We almost did not get out that day due to the new snow that morning and learned O'Hare closed later that morning. We bid on this trip at a charity auction and had no idea how beautiful and over the top the resort was. Las Ventanas is located in Los Cabos on the ocean. Our condo was one of the largest we ever stayed at. We had a great view of the sunrise every morning from our rooms. Yes we did get up early some mornings but an afternoon nap in the sun in Mexico is a real treat. One of the best dinners we had was an eight course meal on Valentines Day. To end that dinner the resort had a fireworks display on the beach.

With our partners in crime, the Crowley's, we rented a sail boat with a captain and first mate to go whale watching, which made us forget all about winter in Chicago. Our captain informed us just to relax and enjoy the trip. Well as many of you know our own Sailing Diva, Lynne Crowley, could never just sit and relax on a sail boat. As Vicki, Tim and I drank beer and ate snacks, we watched our first mate and Lynne raise the sails in search of whales. It proved to be very successful and we spotted a number of whales and got some great pictures. A trip to the art district of Todos Santos was a great time. We had a great lunch at the famous Hotel California which the Eagles sing about in a song from the 80's. Also we brought some great art work back to Chicago. Many margaritas and extensive sight seeing all over Los Cabos were just what the doctor ordered for a sun filled vacation. Some of the details are fuzzy but we all had a great time and a lot of laughs.



The Pirate



Hood Page

ser'in' me GREEN BEER t' take from the rich  an' help the needy



Todd McPencow

Todd@chicagoparrotheads.com



Come Join our Relay For Life Team

2010 Relay For Life of Bridgeview IL on Friday, July 16, 2010 at Bridgeview Park District. The Relay For Life allows people to Celebrate, Remember



and Fight Back. The event starts at 6pm with a Survivor lap allowing us to applaud and CELEBRATE all those who have beaten or who are battling cancer. After dark, we REMEMBER our loved ones who lost their lives to cancer as well as those whose life has been affected by cancer with the Luminaria Ceremony. Then just at the sky turns its darkest and the day its coldest the sun will rise on the relay as we FIGHT BACK with the Fight Back Ceremony. During this time we make a personal commitment to take up the fight against cancer. How do you sign up? It's a long email address but here it is: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10IL?](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10IL?team_id=685713&pg=team&fr_id=22113&fl=en_US&et=SRcfeYbiUn2lLX4ts2SVNg..&s_tafId=429817)

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We will also post it in the Yahoo! Group. You can also donate but attending, volunteering for or donating to Party In ParrotDise 2010 as 50 % of the profits go to our Relay For Life team.

### Candy Days

We are still accepting sign-ups for Candy Day on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to practice your piratical ways by taking money from strangers on the corner of Butterfield and Finley in the D.G. Chi Chi and Mike B are chairing the event but if you want to sign up please email me or the crew. We start at 9am and finish at 5pm with a sign-up times being every two hours. Afterwards, we party at CBIP.



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**APRIL 16 & 17, 2009.**

Since we won't be walking as a team nor raising funds outside of Party In Parrot-Dise this year for Alzheimer's Association, here's a way that you can assist in this wonderful cause: Across the nation on May 14-15<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will 'take to the streets' in their local community to collect donations in support of the Alzheimer's Association and provide a packet of forget me not seeds as a thank you to every donor. The Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is specifically looking for volunteers to participate in the Lombard/Villa Park area on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be asked to work a minimum 2 hour shift, and our goal is to have more than 150 volunteers collect donations for this worthwhile cause. If you're interested in working this event (it's the weekend AFTER Mother's Day) please let me know at [todd@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:todd@chicagoparrotheads.com).

## Membership news from Pirate Momma, Aymee...



Aymee — Membership Maven  
Aymee@chicagoparrotheads.com



### **! ALOHA PHriends !**

We have some New Members to recognize today !

A HUGE WELCOME and ALOHA goes out to :

**COLLEEN LINGLER** who's favourite Buffett song is MATH SUX !

**JANIECE RAKERS** who makes her OPH at any beach where she has a Margarita in her hand !

**E KOMO MAI ! WELCOME !**

You are a part of our OHANA now !

We look forward to getting to know you !

Keep a lookout for new faces !

We've had many inquiries to our  
**PHINE PHLOCK !**



Growing older but not up,  
Happy Birthday wishes to:

#### MARCH:

Brian Osowski ~ March 13<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Marek ~ Mach 18<sup>th</sup>

Tami Casey ~ March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Althea Ricketts ~ March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kelly Kerr ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>

Robert Niedzwiedz ~ March 25<sup>th</sup>

Michael Davids ~ March 28<sup>th</sup>

#### APRIL:

Teresa Bunger ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bob Clauser ~ April 5<sup>th</sup>

Todd McPencow ~ April 6<sup>th</sup>

Donna Perry ~ April 11<sup>th</sup>

Dee Tropp ~ April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sharon Klupar ~ April 24<sup>th</sup>

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ALL**

**AND I WISH YOU A RAG  
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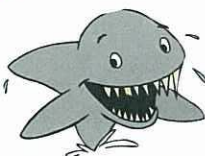
**Always, Pirate Momma,  
Aymee**

### FINZ UP TO ALL !

Are you missing from our Birthday List ? If your Birthday is not listed that means I NEED IT !

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I'm sorry if I missed you! THANKS SO MUCH !



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# March/April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			24 Club Meeting 7:00 Elmhurst Public House	25	26 Rocky Horror Picture Show/ Hollywood Blvd.  ***  Mr. Myers/Key Wester Naperville	27 Mr. Myers/Port of Blarney, Antioch, IL
28	29 Passover begins 	30	31	1 April Fools Day 	2	3 Todd Donnelly Solo Flip Flops, Carol Stream
4 	5	6	7	8 One Particular Thursday Cheese- burger in Paradise/ Downers Grove	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Federal Income Tax Due 	16 Party in Parrot Dise Key Lime Cove 	17 Party in Parrot Dise Key Lime Cove 
18	19	20	21 Club Meeting 7:00 Elmhurst Public House	22	23 Mr. Myers Trio CIP, Algonquin, IL	24 Misericordia Candy Days 9-5 Intersection Finley and Butterfield, Downers Grove *** Happy Hour to follow Cheeseburger in Para- dise
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**Right around the corner Party in Parrot Dise  
April 16-17th, 2010**

For complete details on times and locations, check either the club's website calendar [www.chicagoparrotheads.com](http://www.chicagoparrotheads.com) or the individual band's websites. Links posted on page 1.



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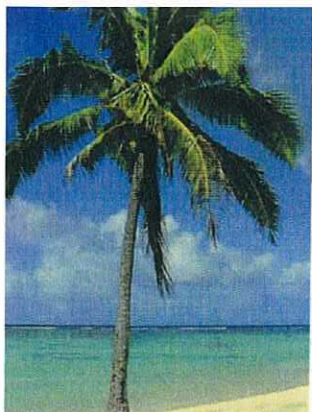
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