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Captain's Logbook

Twenty Third Entry: October 20, 2010

Ah yes, methinks I can smell the salty air and hear the tropical vibrations as we sail past All Hallows Eve and down to the Port of Key West! But lest me forget, it be time to thank a few of me matey's along the way. First and foremost....for continuing on with this Coconut Telegraph, Jean has done an outstanding job and if I had such an award to give, ye would sure enough be deserving of it! Thank you for your years of service to the Crew! And to Mickey....you have been with us for many a year as well. Thank you for your time and effort and for continuing to help with multitude of committee! Thank you to Kristin for staying on as my best First Mate (wink, wink, nudge, nudge, say no more....) and welcome to the Officer ranks of me Crew, officially Lisa to run the good ship Charity, and Julie to ensure communications are readily available and running true to course. And last, thank you to all of me Mate's for allowing me, in democratic form (though uncontested) to continue to guide ye! Enjoy the holiday before a quarter of our shipmates descend on the Keys to plunder and pillage! It be a time to celebrate! Yo ho!

> Bloody Bill The Pirate King

Still I sit in contemplation; And I just don't understand; This mysterious attraction; Of this salty piece of land. Still I search the constellations; And the tiny grains of sand; Where the song of the ocean; Meets the salty piece of land! (Welcome to Key West my phriends!)

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FROM YOUR CRUISE DIRECTOR & KAREN BYLAN KAREN@CHICAGEPARROTHEADS.COM

The weather is cooler but there is still plenty of tropical fun.

Metra Wig Pub Crawl. Saturday October 30. Get yourself some new locks and join us on board the Burlington Northern Metra Line. The detailed litinerary for the day is included on another page but we will start at 2:00 at Balldoyle Downers Grove and board the train at 2:45

We will play poker along the way raising money for the American Cancer Society. The crawl will end in Downers Grove and those that choose can return to Ballydoyle to hear the band Red Pop Fury – they play a variety of Rock from the 50s to the present.

Kick Off the Month ANTI MOTM Party Saturday Nov. 6 – No we are not against the PHIP convention (except that some of us can't go this year) this is the Anyone Not Traveling in for MOTM Party for all of us stuck here in Illinois while our "phriends" are having fun down Island. Cabana Charley's in Woodridge will be having their second birthday party and Mr. Myers will be playing. We will gather in the bar about 8:0018.

One Particular Thursday @ Cheeseburger in Paradise Nov. 11– Our monthly happy hour will continue at CIP Downers Grove. Frank Whiting takes the stage at 7:00 and we will be at our usual tables in front of the stage.

Time to get Crafty Ornament Making Party – Nov. 17 - Yes this the night of our next meeting, But before, during or after we will be making ornaments to be used to decorate our Parrot head Tree at Brookfield Zoo. Keep in mind these must withstand being out in the elements for 6 weeks so they should not be fragile. Please bring your own scissors, glue guns, glue, hole punches, yarn and craft plants and brushes and any items to make ornaments Recommend materials are Craft Foam, Styrofoam, Foli, plastic Margarita glasses old CDs, Modge Podge glue, Print outs of CD covers or Parrot head plotures, Mardi Gras Beads. Leis, Shells. If you have any ideas for parrot head looking ornaments all ideas are welcome!

As Seen On FACEBOOK



Status for Mary Griffith's (aka Washboard Mary), our Regional Coordinator & Canadian Parrot Head Funny thing happened after the PH road clean up yesterday- we were in the back yard having lunch & a few beers and 2 police cruisers pulled up and brought us back the garbage someone reported that we'dumped" along the side of the road!!! took a while to convince them we had just spent 2 friggin hours picking the stuff up!!- parrotheads busted



Our friend Susi O'Camp is still in the hospital, please keep her and Al in your prayers. This is the latest update we have on Susi from Karen Boylan: "The good news is SHE IS RECOVERYING, bad news it is a very very slow process. She was in a lot of pain and her breathing was irregular, so before they can do anything else that needed to be controlled. So pretty much since she has been at UC she has been in ICU, Heavily sedated and on a ventilator. According to All she was taken off the sedation on Wednesday and it will may a few days for that to wear off and her to be awake. And they need her awake to remove the breathing tube. So for now she remains on massive amounts of pain killers and is quite out

of it. Al said they are hoping before the weekend is over this will happen. On other news, the infection in the Pancreas is slowly going down and little by little her blood count numbers are creeping towards normal... Al said everyone's calls, texts and messages have really been a Godsend to him and really feels they are blessed to have such an awesome group of friends. Keep the well wishes and prayers going everyone. They are estimating several months before she is 100%. Update the tope is Got Update the top Indate the tope is Got Update the to

Mike "Rafone" Erickson had back surgery some time ago and was suppose to be up and around within a couple of weeks. Unfortunately Mike had some medical setbacks and has had a difficult time with recovery. It seems like he has finally taken a good turn and things are finally going good. Mike we all hope you are back on your feet soon and ready to be back to your old self.

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Peggy and Jim Farrell were recently in Arizona. Peggy was representing Good Sam Hospital at a convention in downtown Phoenix. John and Jean Motal had the chance to get together with them for lunch one afternoon.

It's hard to believe Jenny and Kevin Marren's son turned 1 a couple of months ago.

Looks like Aunt Karen and Uncle Dan Boylan are loving making sure Sean is into the trains as much as Uncle Dan.

Speaking of turning 1, **George and Gloriane Bork's** son is getting pretty close to that 1st Birthday celebration. Happy birthday Samuel.

Update on Mrs. Brehm (Billy's mom) She is doing well, has a week off chemo, feels good, but tired. Doctors say the cancer is shrinking, let's keep

her in our prayers. As well as **Sharon Marek**, our club's very own energizer bunny. Two women with a great attitude.

Corey Compton is home from college in New York with a broken foot. Playing a friendly game of football has taken Corey out of commission until at least after the first of the year, and will probably have to have a second surgery to correct the break. Mary Jo being the mom she is, is making sure Corey does as the doctor says and stays off it. For anyone that knows Mary Jo, that young man is being well taken care of! Neil simply shakes his head.

It's been a lovely crews....

As I close this rewarding chapter of my journey through life, wondering what to say for my very last edition of the Chicago Parrot Head newsletter. When it was suggested I run for Communication Director 3 years ago, I thought I could never do anything so complicated as putting together a newsletter every month. My first newsletter was put together in January of 2008, I had no idea what I was doing. Then the juices began to flow and I enjoyed every issue from that point on.

First, I want to thank the awesome people that I had the opportunity to work with on crew for the past three years.

- Bob Noonan who became a friend from the beginning being very supportive and helpful, as I started this excellent adventure.
- Billy Brehm was a terrific social chairman who ultimately became the club president, so I was most fortunate to serve on crew with two great presidents.
- Karen Boylan has been a friend from the first day we met. Karen made me feel like we were welcome even though we did not know a soul. Karen you have done such a great job with finding social events for everyone in the club, also Karen has been a great behind the scenes person with the newsletter. We can all thank her for having the newsletter printed and at each and every meeting without missing a beat!
- Kristin McFadden (our First Lady) has also been a pleasure to work with providing such great articles and keeping the club informed of what everyone in the club has been doing during such times as summer vacations, and other travels and important events in members lives.
- Julie Fitzpatrick has been great to work with. Julie, you are doing a great job keeping our financial records and making sure the club stays secure.
- Kurt Rubin was great in his position of Charity chairman and since has moved on to be the club Grillmaster, thank you Kurt for all the great Cheeseburgers in Paradise you have prepared for our club.
- Beverly Kleinman was great to work with as well, doing her part in recruiting new members as our membership chairman.
- Aymee Zimmerman picked up where Beverly left off, it has been a real pleasure working with her as well.
- Thank you to Mickey O'Connor for taking over the position of communication director when we moved to sunny Arizona.
- Lisa Hellman has just taken position as charity director and I really think Lisa will be a great asset to the crew.

I would like to thank Julie Hardesty for stepping up and taking the position of Communication Director and editor of the Chicago Parrot Head newsletter.

This is a position that became very dear to me, and I put a lot of heart and soul into each edition. Thank you Billy and current crew for allowing me to continue my position even though I live 1500 miles away.

Thank you everyone who has contributed to the newsletter during my term in office, and please show your continued support to Julie, I am sure she will take this newsletter and will keep you informed of all the wonderful events going on in the Chicago Parrot Head Club.

I have made a lot of great friends being a member of the Chicago Parrot Head Club, John and I will remain members and look forward to many years in the future of "Partying with a purpose" with the members of the Chicago Parrot Head Club.

Since moving to Arizona, John and I have joined the Phoenix Parrot Head Club, and Club Agave. Club Agave is not a sanctioned PHC, but we do pretty much the same as parrot heads. We have been introduced to many west coast entertainers. We have become active in Club Agave and have made

some wonderful friends.

Please keep in touch, if you are ever in the Phoenix area, please look us up. We love company.

Jean Motal

PS: I have accepted the position of President of Club Agave and will begin my term in January 2011.

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Charity News from our Charity Director Lisa Hellman You can contact Lisa via email Lisa achicagoparrotheads.com



October 30, 2010 - Train/Wig Crawl

Join us as we party with a purpose down the Burlington Northern Train line! Our poker game

will raise money for the American Cancer Society. 2:00p.m. we meet at Ballydoyle's in Downers Grove and we will continue the party all the way down to Berwyn and back. This crawl will last until about 9:30p.m. where we end up at the Downers Grove station. If you are still standing, we will continue the crawl back to Ballydoyle's where Red Pop Fury is playing music from the 1950's to present. This was a great time last year and we raised money for ACS, so join us again and don't forget your wig!

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December 11, 2010 - Misericordia Baking Days

From 9:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. our club will assist in the bakery as we do annually. We need approximately 25 volunteers for two shifts, 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. and 12:30p.m. - 3:30p.m. Email Lisa on crew what shift you would like to volunteer for.

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Membership Dues and Donations

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We added a general donation option to the new membership form. Some of you don't get a chance to attend meetings or events but are still part of our family. So we wanted to make it easy for you to also donate to our charity efforts.

Other Charity Efforts Don't forget phriends, we collect cell-phones, pop-tops and toiletries at each monthly meeting. Cell phones are donated to Call To Protect, a national initiative to fight domestic abuse. Pop-tops are sold to scrap metal recycling centers to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Toiletries are donated to local battered women's shelters. So bring your donations next month! You get points for these efforts too!



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Membership news from Pirate Momma, Aymee@chicagoparrotheads.com









Growing older but not up, Happy Birthday wishes to:

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Lisa DePatie, who celebrated her Birthday on September 22nd!

OCTOBER:

Bob Dunbar ~ October 22nd

Josh Zimmerman ~ October 27th

Doreen Warner ~ October 30th

NOVEMBER:

Art Marek ~ November 9th
Rick Powell ~ November 12th
Lynn Achtien ~ November 14th
Karen Boylan ~ November 14th
Mike Klaus ~ November 14th

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS III

We have MANY new Members to Welcome! Some found its on our little Island at foyota Park! Please extend a WARM DARROTTE (19)

Please extend a WARM PARROTHEAD WELCOME TO:

The end Mike Hoesky

Tom and Karen Driessen

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Kelly and Louis Reed

Justin and Mike Gray

Lisa Nowak and Chris Jacobs

First Mete Rick and Queen Barb Powell

Captain Russ Powell



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and HUGE "Welcome Back" to our PHriends: Mary Jo and Niel Compton!

THANK YOU to all those who have Renewed already! Your prompt replies have helped me to maintain up to date records, I appreciate your help!

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YET, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT AWAY !!! This will include your continued emails from our Yahoo Email Group so you can get all the latest on the Club's Coconut Telegraph that only Members are entitled to ! RENEW NOW or WALK THE PLANK !!! *wink*

WIG TRAIN CRAWL

Saturday October 30, 2010

Starts 2:00 at Bar OR 2:45 on Train

Departure Time	Departure Station	Direction Of Travel	Arrival Time	Arrival Station	Bar
Starting Point	Starting Point		2:00	Meet at Bar	Bally Doyle
2:45	Downers Grove Main Street	East	3:03	LaGrange Road	Palmers Place (2 hour food stop)
5:03	LaGrange Rd.	East	5:14	Berwyn	Jungle Joes
6:15	ON FOOT	North	OPTIONAL	Cross tracks	*Cabin Fever*
6:55	Berwyn	West	7:03	Brookfield	Tequila Mocking- bird
8:03	ON FOOT	South		Cross tracks	Cheers
9:03	Brookfield	West	9:25	Downers Grove	End Crawl
				Main Street	or return to Ballvdovle

Metra Unlimited weekend pass is \$7. If there is a ticket agent at station buy your ticket from them or a service fee is charged on board. If there is no agent than you cany buy your ticket on board with no service fee. Tickets on board are CASH ONLY.

Due to a change in Metra's schedule—trains are now running two hours apart so we had to alter our schedule so some stops have two bars. LaGrange will be a two hour stop at one place so there will be plenty of time for food. Berwyn We may stay at Jungle Joes the entire time or choose to go to Cabin Fever it will be decided on by those in attendance. The addresses of all bars are below

BallyDoyle Downers Grove 5157 Main Street, Downers Grove (630)969-0600 Palmer's Place 56 S. LaGrange Road, LaGrange (708)482-7127 Jungle Joe's 6814 Windsor, Berwyn (708)749-0586 Cabin Fever 3204 Grove Ave. Berwyn (708)749-3497 OPTIONAL STOP Tequila Mockingbird 3733 Grand Blvd., Brookfield, Cheers Sports Bar 8901 Burlington Ave., Brookfield (708)485-9528

Karen 708-525-4952 or Dan 708-935-7775



October/November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			20 Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30pm	21	22 Mr. Myers Porters Oyster Bar Crystal Lake	23 Splash Bash 2010 Rockford
24	25	26	27	28	29 Mr. Myers Todd Solo Dawns Beach Hut, St. Charles	30 Train Crawl
31 Halloween		2	3 Meeting of the Minds Key West	4 Meeting of the Minds Key West	5 Meeting of the Minds Key West	6 Meeting of the Minds Key West *** Mr. Myers 2year BDay Bash Cabana Charlies Woodridge
7 Meeting of the Minds Key West	8	9	10	11 One Particular Thursday Cheese- burger in Paradise Downers Grove	12	13 Mr. Myers Todd Solo Flip Flops Carol Stream
14	15	16	17 Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30	18	19	20 Mr. Myers Duo Tribe AleHouse and grill, Mokena

Fall Festivals are happening, if you know of a band that is performing in our area, or a special event the club may be interested in, please send me an email so I can make sure I add them on our calendar. jean@chicagoparrotheads.com

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 1.

Shaded days are club events.

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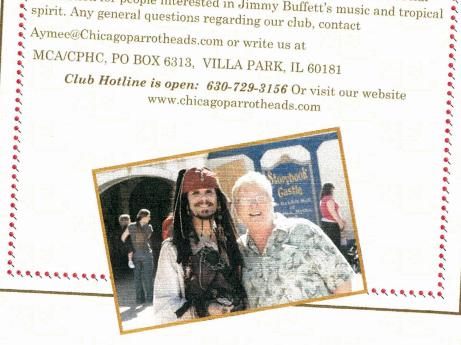


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