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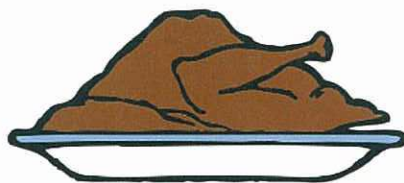
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The Turkey Edition



*Captain's Logbook
Twenty Fourth Entry:
November 17, 2010*

What can be said about such a fine lot as Ye? Our numbers swell, and we have pirates next door waiting to join our ranks or possibly start another fleet! The Parrothead Nation continues to grow and show the meaning of Party with a Purpose! The Meeting of the Pirate Kings was fraught with all manner of pillage and plunder, and yet once again The Great One himself was no where to be seen. Oh well, the vast majority of our musical troubadours were well in attendance and working hard back here at home. While we welcome some home and others to perform on our own foredeck, with heavy heart we say goodbye to others. With those things in mind, Methinks it be time to look forward to the giving of thanks for those we have in our midst, and next month for the holiday season! Great things be in store for us, some new courses, some new directions, and some new faces! I look forward to sharing it with Ye all, my Crew, my compatriots, my phriends. . . .



*Bloody Bill
The Pirate King*

*I can do what I put my mind to, I can do all that others can't
I have pride and determination So don't you ever tell me that I can't*

*Because I'll prove you wrong, my will is strong
Yeah I've just got to believe. . . . I can.*

~Troy Allan R.J.P

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From the desk of the Social Secretary Karen Boylan, Social Director and Cruise Director Extraordinaire.



Club Holiday Party

Our next meeting will be our club holiday party.....there will be a game or two, appetizers to share and our annual Toy Drive to benefit Toy Express.



Toy Express is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to brightening the lives of underprivileged children in the western suburbs of Chicago. Staffed entirely by volunteers and with the assistance of local fire departments and businesses, Toy Express has collected and distributed toys and clothes to thousands of children over the last nineteen years.



New to this years holiday party is our first ever Holiday Drink Recipe contest.

Submit the recipe for your favorite holiday libation to crew@chicagoparrotheads.com no later than Dec. 1, 2010. The crew will select the winning recipe (and we are prepared to sample things as many times as it takes to determine a winner). The winner will receive a prize, have their cocktail featured in our newsletter as boat drink of the month and most importantly have bragging rights for the year. We are even going to see if Elmhurst Public House can add it to the menu for the night....as of press time we are not sure this will happen.

Mark your Calendars

One Particular Thursday

This month's OPT has been cancelled so that Frank Whiting can watch the Bears game like everyone else!

Saturday Nov. 20

A Non-house House Party with Scott Kirby. Scott Kirby is fresh from MOTM and heading to Chicago.....there is a house party scheduled at the Elmhurst Public House (where the club meetings are held.) at 8:00 on Saturday Nov. 20. Admission is \$20 per person and there will be drink specials. Please email Ron Horne for tickets and additional info: rlacjh@gmail.com

Sunday Nov. 21

Tree Decoration at Brookfield Zoo.

We are celebrating Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic by decorating a tree Buffett style. We will meet at our tree which will be located somewhere around Roosevelt Fountain in the Center of the zoo. The club has a limited number of free passes to the zoo so please email Billy@chicagoparrotheads.com if you would like tickets. Following the Zoo we will have a happy hour at Johnny B's 8436 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield.

Saturday, November 27

Frank Whiting at Flip-Flops

If you're tired of turkey and the trimmings, come join Frank Whiting at Flip Flops Tiki Bar & Grill. As an added bonus, it's also Frank's birthday. Flip Flops is at 1022 Fountain View Drive in Carol Stream.

Friday, December 3

Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Trio

For you south side parrotheads – Dec. 3 at 9:30 Johnny Russler and Beach Bum Trio will be playing at the Charley Horse in 901 E. Lincoln Hwy. New Lenox, IL Hwy.

Thursday, December 2

One Particular Thursday

From 7 to 10 Frank Whiting will play our favorite tunes at Cheeseburger in Paradise Downers Grove. As Always we will be at our table in front of the stage.

Friday, December 17, 2010

Todd Donnelly

Dawn's Beach Hut Friday Dec. 17. Todd Donnelly of Mr. Myers will be playing the steel drums solo at Dawn's Beach Hut, 8 N. 3rd St, St. Charles, IL (9PM-12AM)

Saturday, January 15

Chicago Wolves vs. Rockford Ice Hogs.

If you would like to attend a Wolves game at Allstate Arena on Saturday Jan 15. 2010 Game time is 7:00. Please let Karen Boylan know by the December meeting. Tickets are \$13 are in the 200 level Center Ice and everyone receives a free Wolves Hat with their ticket.



Quotes from Key West

See if you can guess who made the following statements...in order to protect me from any legal actions, the correct answers will NOT be published!

- "Did that prostitute just call in sick?"
- "Fingernails are the windows to the world!"
- "Virgin? Yours has been pushed back so far it looks like a tail light!"
- "Dennys...a little slice of home."
- "One of those idiots will post on Facebook and I called in sick!"
- "I only drink on vacation."
- "You know who else had a bad day? Jesus!"
- "You can't drink all day unless you start in the morning!"
- "My LSD got wet in the rain and now I'm afraid to take it."
Response- "THAT'S why you're afraid to take it???"
- "What time is it? The kids are still in school! Ha!!"
- "Ladies...if you're gonna flip someone off, at least do it with some class...get a manicure first!"
- "I love itty-bitty titties!"
...ok...this one was might have been said by Inga, the drag queen!



Kristen's Korner
Kristen McFadden,
Secretary

Memories of MOTM



Mike Horsky, Jim Farrell and Paul Perkins. Photo courtesy of Peggy Farrell.



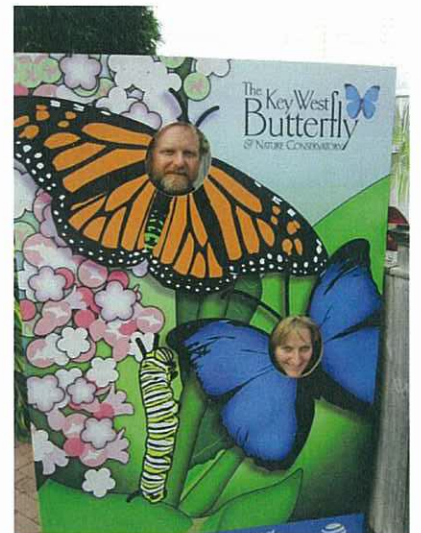
Club Trini. Photo courtesy of Ron Horne.



Bob Noonan, John Motal, Tim Crowley, & Mike Hardesty. Photo courtesy of Mike Hardesty



Mike & Lisa Hellman at Southernmost Point. Photo courtesy of Lisa Hellman.



Ron and Lynn Horne at the Key West Butterfly Museum. Photo courtesy of Ron Horne



Party with a Purpose - Save the Dates

November 21, 2010 - Christmas Tree Decorating at Brookfield Zoo

It's almost that most wonderful time of the year. To kick off the season, join us at the Brookfield Zoo at noon on Sunday for decorating the most unique tree ever. Afterwards, we'll go to Johnny B's in Brookfield for happy hour and football.

December 10, 2010 - St. Jude's Radiothon

Join your fellow Parrotheads at the annual St. Jude's Radiothon on Friday, December 10 from noon - 3 pm. This year's Radiothon will be held at the Navy Pier. Please sign up or contact Lisa Hellman.

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.

April 15 - 16, 2011 - Party in Parrot-dise

Mark your calendars for April 15-16, 2011. The Boat Drunks will be performing at Party in Parrot-dise. Details are still being worked out but plan on attending in April.

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!

Sail on Sharon Marek



I met Sharon shortly after joining the Parrothead Club at the Misericordia Baking Days. As we curled ribbons for the cookies and brownie boxes, we chatted about her cancer, her family and her friends. She told me then that she had been battling cancer for many years and that she had been on chemo for 11 years. That small encounter stayed with me - I claim nothing more than being an acquaintance, but her spirit stayed with me long after that December day. Seeing her on Facebook was a calming reassurance; she was still out there fighting.

Everyone knows that pink is the "color" of breast cancer research. Everywhere you look, some company is promoting a pink product. Sharon was very vocal about educating folks about teal being the color of ovarian cancer research. So wear teal and think of Sharon. Keep bringing in your empty printer cartridges and think of Sharon.

Sharon's funeral will be November 20 at 9 am from Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., to St. Hedwig Church. Mass will be at 10:00 am. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm. Info 773-774-0366.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 2501 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 435, Dallas, Texas 75219. www.ovarian.org.

Julie Hardesty



Lisa Hellman, Charity Director

Getting Wiggy Wit it! Wig Crawl for ACS



Bob Dunbar goes red! Photo courtesy of Karen Boylan



Brian and Janice Osowski. Photo courtesy of Karen Boylan



Mike Rafone goes out as a Beetle! Photo courtesy of Karen Boylan



IT IS WITH A VERY SAD HEART

that we must say Goodbye to our longtime Friend, Sharon Marek.
She fought her battle bravely until the morning of

Monday, November 15th, 2010

Our hearts and prayers are with her Family.

Sail On Sharon, you will be sorely missed.

Sharon M. Marek March 18th, 1958 – November 15th, 2010

MAHALO - PEACE



We are still accepting NEW MEMBERS and RENEWALS.
Please make sure to tell your PHriends and PHamily
to come check us out for a Meeting some time !

If you know of anyone who has not yet renewed,
why not invite them for one of our upcoming events ?

**GROWING OLDER,
BUT NOT UP:**

BIG

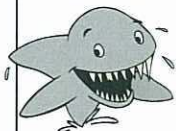
Happy Birthday Wishes go to:

NOVEMBER:

- Brett Mitchell ~ November 19th
- C. Mitchell George ~ November 24th
- Lisa Nowak ~ November 24th
- Michael Hellman ~ November 24th
- Marty Kuklinski ~ November 24th

DECEMBER:

- Scott Henderson ~ December 13th
- Torie Conino ~ December 13th



**FINZ UP
TO YOU ALL !!!**

*If I missed your Birthday, it is
because I DO NOT HAVE IT!
Please email me and I will add
you to our Birthday List !!! 😊*



ALL HANDS ON DECK !!!

**I want to reincorporate the PARROTHEAD IN THE HOUSE
page for our future Newsletters.**

**Please check your email, because I will be sending out the
Questionnaire for everyone to fill out.**

**Please fill out the form, and email it to me along with a
PHOTO and you just might be surprised one month with
YOU as our PHeatured ParrotHead of the Month !!!**

THANX !

Aymee@ChicagoParrotHeads.com

THANKS SO MUCH and I WISH YOU ALL A
RAG~TOP~MONTH !



Always ~
Pirate Momma Aymee

-- Your Membership Director 😊



Boat Drink of the Month

An Attitude of Gratitude

As you gather with your family to celebrate Thanksgiving, why not enjoy "An Attitude of Gratitude" before the turkey comes out of the oven and the Detroit Lions host the New England Patriots on television? This drink is sure to help you and any of your guests set aside the "No-hope-to-be-had-atude" which would otherwise be sure to wear one out.



- 1 oz Absolut Vodka
- 1/2 oz Absolut Pears Vodka
- 3/4 oz honey
- 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
- 1 whole plum, sliced

To begin, muddle the sliced plum with the honey in a shaker, reserving one slice for a garnish. Add the rest of the ingredients, shake and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with the reserved plum slice.

Serve the drink while saying thank you with "infactatude." Hooray for what's okay!

Note: this month's boat drink recipe was inspired from a somewhat obscure Jimmy Buffett song. "An Attitude of Gratitude" was released on the CD which accompanied the Thanks and Giving All Year Long book that was compiled by Marlo Thomas & Friends as a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 2004. The chorus is provided below.

Chorus

An Attitude of Gratitude that's what it's all about
 That No-hope-to-be-had-atude is sure to wear you out
 An Attitude of Gratitude Hooray for what's o.k.
 Say thank you with infactatude it's a brand new day

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You will be invited to our Yahoo Email group (this is primary source of communication)

What are you interested in participating in???? Circle all that apply

- | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Happy Hours | MS Walk | Alzheimer's Walk |
| Coconut Bowl | Other concerts | Tailgating |
| Adopt A Highway | Party in Parrotise | |
| Other Please list _____ | | |

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Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Our meetings are 7:30 pm every third Wednesday of the month at: Elmhurst Public House, 683 W St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst, IL 630-834-8989 Many of us arrive around 7:00 pm to socialize. Full menu and drinks are available.



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Date	Group/Event	Location	City
November 20	Latitude	Sun City	Huntley, IL
	Scott Kirby	Elmhurst Pub	Elmhurst, IL
November 21	Zoo Tree Decorating	Brookfield Zoo	Brookfield, IL
November 27	Frank Whiting	Flip Flops Tiki Bar	Carol Stream, WI
	Lake Michigan PHC	5 O'Clock Sports Bar	Stephensonville, MI
	Toys for Tots Benefit		
December 4	Peter Mayer "Stars and Promises"	Freedom Hall	Park Forest, IL
December 10	St. Jude Radiothon	Navy Pier	Chicago, IL
December 11	Baking Day	Misericordia Campus	Chicago, IL
	Boat Drunks/ Milwaukee PHC	Center Court Sports Complex	Waukesha, WI
	Toys for Tots Benefit		
December 15	CPHC -Monthly Meeting	Elmhurst Pub	Elmhurst, IL

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