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Holiday Cocktail Contest Winner

(With this one, we all win!)

Holiday Cheers Martini

Coat rim of glass with "frost"
(aka pretty sugar)

In shaker with ice, pour the
following:

1 1/2 oz orange stoli

1/2 oz chambord

2 oz cranberry juice

Do a little Christmas jig and
shake it all up! Serve in your
pretty glass and garnish with a
cherry...yum yum!

Thank you to Janiece Rakers for
her winning entry.



The Ornamental Edition



Captain's Logbook

Twenty Fifth Entry: December 15, 2010



Christmas in the Caribbean, as the Leader of
this Phlock has written and sung about is a magical time
of year. I think we tend to all say Christmas time, even
though we be celebratin' so many wonderful holidays.

So without getting technical or into any form of pirate speak, let me say to you
all, thank you for coming to celebrate the holiday with our Parrothead Family!
Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Eid El Fitr, or Yule, you
have all come together to help a child, and be with friends, and that my Crew, is
one of the best gifts we can give and receive. Cheers to you all and safe home!

Bloody Bill
The Pirate King

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time;
a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar
of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up
hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow pas-
sengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.
~ Charles Dickens

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Welcome to the Holiday Edition of Kristin's Korner!

I would like to take a moment to wish you all a safe, healthy, and festive Holiday season! And a big "thank you" for all your great submissions this year!! Kristin

"The best holiday present I ever received..."

Kristen McFadden Madame Secretary

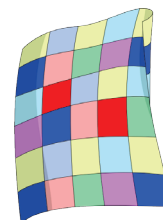
OMG! OMG! OMG! I GOT A NOOK COLOR!!!!!! Yes, I HAD to share....my husband already gave me my Christmas present and it is by far the BEST Christmas present ever! I feel like a little kid again, LOL! - Janiece



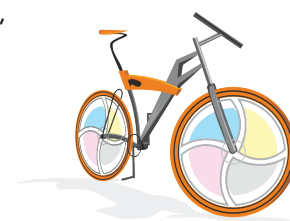
It wasn't my Christmas. Freshman in Griffith (IN) High School - English class oral report - most memorable Christmas. Most were a favorite toy. Eliot: the year his dad lost his job and they had NO money. Their church came through with a food basket. But no presents. They spent Christmas day in the kitchen with the oven on for heat. After church they read from the Bible and from their favorite books. They sang songs - Christmas and other songs. They told stories. They didn't have "things", so they shared themselves and their love. And went to bed fulfilled. - Art C.

7 1/2 yrs. ago we moved into our house and my mini schnauzer, Mazzy, was on the tail end of heart disease...she died 1 1/2 months after we moved in. It was devastating. For Christmas, my wonderful husband Michael gave me a necklace he had made for me that said Mazzy...as well as a scrap book HE MADE for me, all about Mazzy! He put in all the pictures and wrote stories on every page. It was the most thoughtful wonderful present ever and I cried so hard! :) - Lisa H.

About 6 years ago my kids collectively gave me a photo quilt. Our daughter Bethany, who was a grad student in Arizona at the time actually hand made it, with her older (and working) siblings paying for the all the materials. Melissa, who lives in Chicago came to our house on a weekend that she knew we were out of town and "stole" all the old photo albums. She scanned hundreds of old pictures and put them all on a website. Then she, Bethany and our son Brandon (who was in Washington state) collaborated via phone and email from 3 different states to choose the pictures. They ultimately selected about 60 of them that Bethany worked into the quilt in perfect chronology. The quilt tells the story of our family, from my and Bill's hippie days through the years as each child was born and grew, camping trips, birthday parties and funny moments, till the present time. Of course I bawled like a baby when I unwrapped it. When the tornado sirens go off my quilt is the only thing that comes into the basement with me. I would surely run back into a burning building to save it! -Dee



I do not know exactly how old I was, 7 or maybe 9. I wanted a bike for Christmas but my parents could not afford it. Our mailman found out about it and on Christmas morning I had my bicycle. This was back in the day when mailmen rode bikes to deliver the mail in California, us kids would follow him up the street taking turns sitting on his bike. Sounds corny but I was the happiest little girl that morning. - Claudia



"The best holiday present I ever received..."

The best Christmas gift I ever got was a special trip from Don. I'll explain why it was so special.

The summer that our oldest son graduated from high school we learned that Don's job would be taking us from California back to our roots in Chicago. While it was awesome to come home to the rest of my family, it was heartbreaking to leave my boy to start his freshman year in college without us there to help him. My heart ached so badly I couldn't even let myself think about it.

That Christmas my dear husband put together a trip for me to go and see Kyle in San Luis Obispo, CA and to meet my best friend on the way back in Vegas. Kyle and I got to spend some quality mom/son time together, and my friend won \$10,000 in Vegas! - Cheryl W.

My best Christmas present ever was the Lionel train set I got when I was 7. - Bob D.



Ok...I know I said no mushy stuff...BUT, the best present I ever got will be having Brian home for Christmas before he goes to Iraq. I haven't seen him in many months and won't have a chance to see him for maybe two years. I'm going to hug him every time he walks through the room!! I'm sooo excited! - Kristin

In 6th grade I got a Sears Silver-tone acoustic guitar and a Melbay Easy Method Guitar Lesson Book. The guitar had a 2x4 neck and the back and sides were painted black! - Frank Whiting

In first or second grade, I got a pinball machine! It had four legs, two flippers, and a wind-up score keeper. - Mike L.

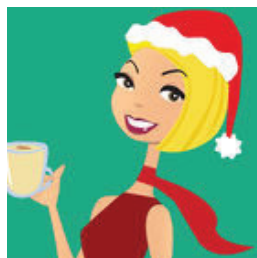


Boat Drink of the Month

Christmas in the Caribbean Egg Nog

10 oz Bacardi Rum
3 Egg Yolks
8 oz Sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
14 oz Evaporated Milk

It's Christmas in the Caribbean. Snow birds are in the air with a lot of people looking for a good Egg Nog!



Combine the yolks and sugar in a saucepan. Now slowly add the evaporated milk and stir until smooth. Heat for no more than two minutes stirring rapidly. Remove the saucepan from heat. Now just add the vanilla and rum. Stir it up well. Serve it in a festive holiday mug. Don't live in a hurry and be sure to send away for mistletoe!



Lisa Hellman
Charity Director

Charity Efforts

Don't forget phriends, when we're not busy doing charity events out in the community, 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!

Party with a Purpose - Save the Dates

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 at the Hickory Ridge Marriott. Stay tuned for additional details.





Karen Boylen
Social Director

Ring in the New Year with your Parrot Head Friends ...

There are no official plans for a club New Year's Eve party but if anyone has suggestions of a good perch for us to hang out on post it to the club list.

Thursday January 13 2011 - One Particular Thursday.

Back on its regular channel Frank Whiting will take the stage at Cheeseburger in Paradise Downers Grove at 7 p.m. WE will have our usual table up front and enjoy some Buffett tunes and whatever else Frank has learned off of our "napkin" list of requests.

Saturday January 15, 2011 Twenty Degrees and the Hockey game's on.

With any luck it will be a little warmer than that but none the less there is a hockey game that night. Join us at All-State arena in Rosemont to see the Chicago Wolves take on the Rockford Ice Hogs (the minor leagues for the Chicago Blackhawks). The game is 7:00 pm.. Tickets are \$13 each and with that you get a Chicago Wolves Baseball Hat, the chance to see our name in lights on the Matrix board and a hockey game. And I sure there is even a boat drink or two to be found at the concession stands. If you are going we have to order tickets so please let me (Karen@chicagoparrotheads.com) know no later than December 17.



Saturday January 29, 2011 Let's Head South for a Beach Party

Okay not that far South you won't need airfare or even more than one tank of gas, Johnny Russler and the Beach Bums are playing at Chicago Blu located in the far southern suburb of Frankfort. They are having a Beach Party and by then we will be able to use a little tropical vacation even if it is in our minds only. The band starts at 9:00 and the bar is located at 199th and LaGrange Rd in Frankfort. As for more details I will pass them along as I get them.

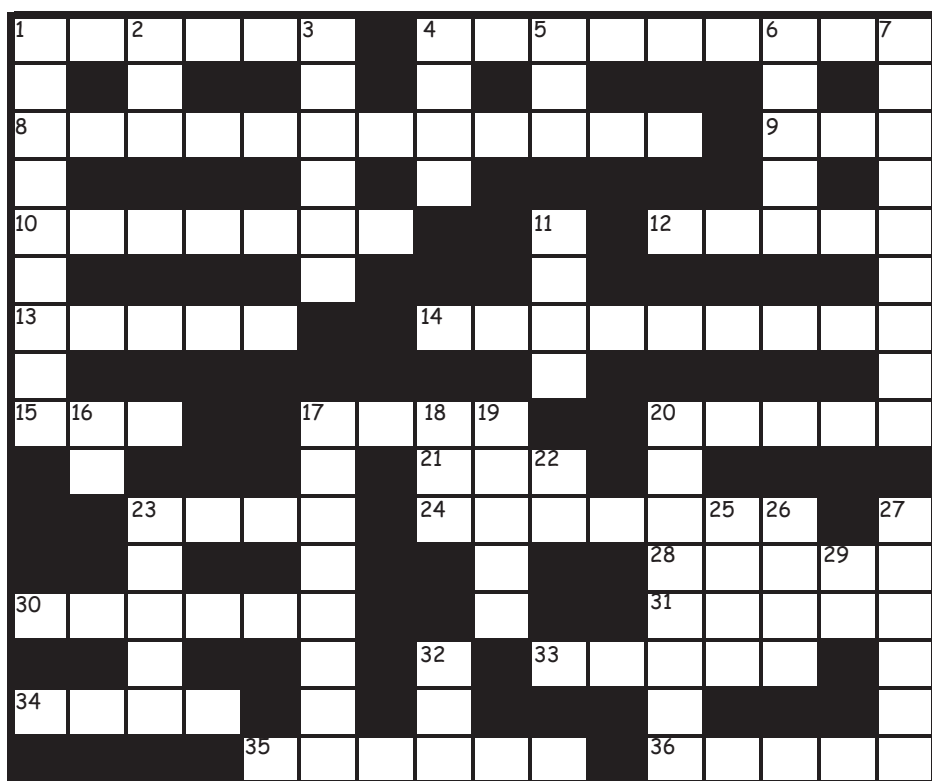


Looking for FOUR GOOD DOGS & a Musher and a few accomplices.

What am I talking about. The Chiditirad is part race, part pub crawl and part food drive based on the Alaskan Iditirad dog sled race and it sounds like something we should be part of. Held the first Saturday of March in Bucktown, we attach our team to our sled (shopping cart) and the teams of "dogs" (four people pulling the cart) directed by a musher (person pushing the cart) to various checkpoints (bars) in Bucktown. Along the route we need to collect 40 pounds of non-perishable food for a food pantry. So in order for us to participate we need a shopping cart - all tricked out in our best tropical style, a team of five people you can trade off who is a musher and who is a dog at the checkpoints, 40 pounds (or more) of food, and some accomplices to head down to Buckdown meet the team along the route cheer them on share a beverage or two and most importantly load up the cart with our food donation. Please let me know by the January meeting if you would be willing to help be on the team, build/decorate our cart or be an accomplice.



Parrothead Crossword



Across

- 1 On my Victrola
 4 Coconut Communi-
 cations
 8 Club Policeman
 9 Rowing tool
 10 ____ For Change
 Foundation
 12 Everyone has a cousin
 here
 13 Peter or Jim
 14 Second honeymoon city
 15 Our star
 17 Don't do this in a
 hurricane
 20 ____-quarters time
 21 A pirate call
 23 Flava ____
 24 Beauty in the band
 28 Make amends for
 30 You have one in Miami
 31 Not Billy Ray
 33 Fruit gum
 34 This sucks!
 35 Our girl Eleanor
 36 Beneath

Down

- 1 Jesus and Jimmy share
 this
 2 Chicago's cheesecake
 guy
 3 Wisconsin valley
 4 head (french)
 5 flower garland
 6 hello and goodbye
 7 Pat O'Brien concoction
 11 ____stop the music
 16 United Nations
 (abbrev)
 17 Jimmy's daughter
 18 Flock of Seagulls-I ____
 19 Lola's husband
 20 Italian goodie
 22 Curse abbrev.
 23 Juicy gum
 25 Nervous habit
 26 blessed
 27 Da Coach would greet
 you dis way
 29 Northeast
 32 Kristen's pos.

Treasurer's Report



We've got THIS much
 money in the bank.
 We're in great shape for
 the coming year.

Ed. Note - I couldn't resist the oppor-
 tunity to crack a joke because of the
 picture.

A club member was recent-
 ly asked "What does the
 Chicago Parrot Head Club
 do?"

Our club member dutifully
 replied, "We share a com-
 mon interest in trop rock
 music, fund raising for
 charities and having fun."

The inquiring mind then
 asked, "So you all own
 birds?"





Pirate Mama Aymee Membership Director

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and PEACEFUL HANNUKAH !

From my Family to yours:

All the best for a Peaceful and Happy New Year !

May 2011 bring you much Health, Joy and Prosperity.

**GROWING OLDER,
BUT NOT UP:**

BIG Happy Birthday Wishes go to:

DECEMBER:

Tim Hammond ~ December 20th

Russ Powell ~ December 20th

Karen Driessen ~ December 21st

Jimmy Buffett ~ December 25th

Kim Block ~ December 27th

Micky O'Connor ~ December 27th

Lisa Horn ~ December 31st

JANUARY:

Jim Whaley ~ January 1st

Nancy McFarlane ~ January 3rd

Ray Hayes ~ January 6th

Todd Martin ~ January 11th

Wayne Skopek ~ January 15th

Jennifer Perkins ~ January 17th

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 PHeated ParrotHead of the Month !!!

THANK !

Aymee@ChicagoParrotHeads.com

Happy New Year!

Misercordia Baking Days



Tim, Lynn and Teresa are tagught the proper way to sugar balls.



Steve and Doreen cut out brownie hearts.



Janiece properly powders the brownie hearts.

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.





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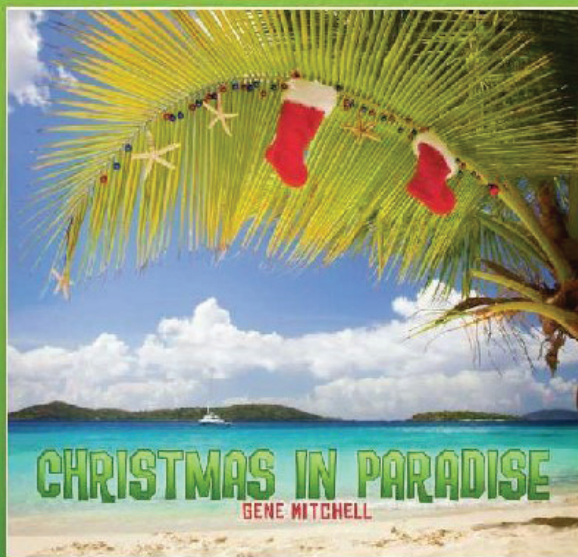
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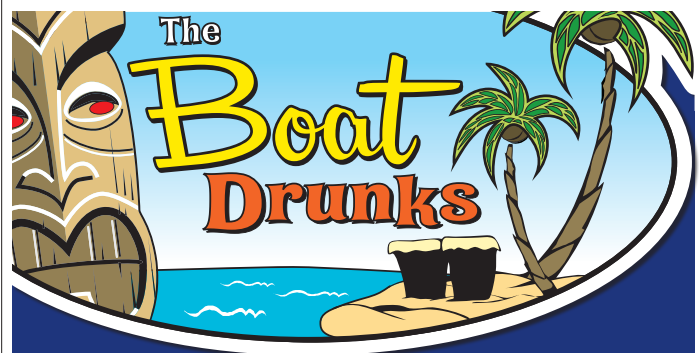
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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event/Group	Location	City
17-Dec	Todd Donnelly	Dawn's Beach Hut	St. Charles, IL
18-Dec	John Frinzi & John Patti Christmas in the Caribbean	Two Seasons Bowl	Elkhorn, WI
	Mr. Myers	Wilmot Mountain	Twin Lakes, WI
25-Dec	Happy Birthday Jimmy!		
31-Dec	Mr. Myers	The Crazy Toucan Key Lime Cove	Gurnee Mills, IL
15-Jan	CPHC Wolves Hockey	All-State Arena	Rosemont, IL
19-Jan	CHPC Monthly Meeting	Elmhurst Pub	Elmhurst, IL
22-Jan	Havana Daydreamin' hosted by the Quad City PHC	RiverCenter	Davenport, IA
29-Jan	Johnny Russler	Chicago Blu	Frankfort, IL
19-Feb	Spring Phling hosted by the Clinton County, IL PHC	Bretz Wildlife Lodge	Carlyle, IL

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