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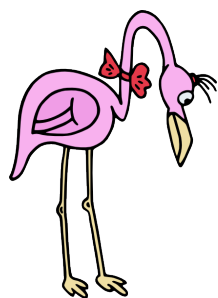


Midwest Caribbean Association

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Mongolian BBQ for St. Jude's

Parrot Heads Help Raise Over \$300 for St. Jude's



The Flighty Edition



Captain's Logbook



Twenty Eighth Entry: March 16, 2011



We sailed past the Mardi Gras season and helped race the mighty Chiditarad, and what a sight to see! Bringing us square into the wind that is St. Patrick's Day!

The excitement be building, and tonight we raise our green drinks to welcome two things! The St. Paddy's celebration tomorrow and cheers to all me kilt wearing brethren, and one month to the day until we undertake our biggest social and charity event of the year! Fittingly we welcome Mr. Myers, Mr. Whiting, and the Boat Drunks into our midst for revelry and to support our cause! Raise a glass tonight and let us celebrate before we go into the downwind run to Parrot-Dise Bay! Sainte!

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King

Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with, that it's compounding a felony.

~ Robert Benchley



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Kristin McFadden Madame Secretary

Last month, eight Chicago Parrotheads braved the open sea...ok...not so open...on a chartered sailboat in the BVI. Our mission...to hit every Happy Hour and Live Music venue we could and taste every specialty rum drink available on the islands! Here is a blurb of the trip as seen by one of the travelers aboard the ship, "Breanker".

Parrotheads Unanchored in the BVI

While Gumz the Shark is working on the full story of the Second Annual Chicago Parrothead Sailing Trip in the British Virgin Islands, I wanted to do a quick recap for everyone who asked how it went. In a word, it was a spectacular success! The weather was a bit windy, but 82 and sunny every day. From the time the 8 of us met up in Trellis Bay where we boarded Breanker, the tone of the week was quickly set with the two Bills (newly nicknamed Kilted Bill and Tilted Bill) taking the lead in the juvenile humor department...think "hee, hee...he said dinghy!" followed by alcohol fueled giggling. They were just so...let's go with cute. And admittedly, there was an awful lot for all of us to giggle about.

A few of the highlights (in no particular order) were getting our bar crawl books signed in every bay that we hit, the water trail at the Baths, the major endeavor of getting our club T-shirt hung from the rafters at Foxy's, Jeremy's heroics in getting our beach bags to shore in huge swells, working our way down the beach at White Bay from One Love to Soggy Dollar to Ivan's, looking for Jimmy (it could have happened!) the turquoise water and beautiful white sand beaches, the Bubbly Pool on Jost Van Dyke, Kristin's commitment to dance on every island, to which I happily obliged in spite of that "dance injury" I acquired, fabulous reggae music, the rum, Chef Marianne's amazing cooking, Captain Kristian's cocktails (which just kept coming), the nightly monkey dice tournaments, Teresa NOT peeking in the water window while Bill was changing, the sailing, Peter Island Connections, getting into the dinghy the "navy Seal way", Tom surviving the mother of all head bumps with minimal brain damage, and SO MUCH MORE!



Watch for the full and uncensored recounting coming soon from our unbiased friend Gumz - he will name names and spare no one! Also, Tiff & Jeremy took about 5 billion pictures, which we are all anxiously awaiting and will share. And if anyone would like more information or might be interested in joining us next year, catch up with me or drop a line to tropp911@gmail.com. Kristian & Marianne would like very much to make Breanker the official catamaran of the Chicago Parrothead Club, and they book up quickly!

Cocktail of the Month

Green Flash at Sunset

2 ounces of Melon Flavored Vodka
1/2 oz triple sec
Splash of Orange Curacao
Juice of 2 limes.
1 Lovely Sunset
Strange Circumstances

When you find yourself undergoing some Strange Circumstances, position yourself for the nearest Lovely Sunset. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice and pour in the ingredients. Now don't make this a lost chance for a lost opportunity to dance. Dance around while shaking the shaker while you wait for the sun to go down. While you're at it, this is also a great opportunity to recap-ture some young love. Now, strain the contents into a margarita glass

rimmed with salt. Take a few sips, but keep a weathered eye on the horizon. Now wait for it (take another sip)...wait for it (take another sip)...the Green Flash! Was it an illusion or just Island Hoodoo? Drink a few more sips while you ponder your answer.

Note: The more of these cocktails you drink, the more likely you are to witness the Green Flash at Sunset



The Official Unofficial Treasurer's Report

Trump ain't got nothing on us! Revenues are up, expenses are down. It'll be a cold day in hell before that Trump guy gets a can of Aqua Net from the Phriendship Phund!



2010 Chicago Parrot Head Financials

Alpine Bus Trip

Collected	\$4,060.00
Expenses	\$4,729.65
	(\$669.65)

Phriendship Fund

Collected	\$1,956.43
Expenses	\$626.91
	\$1,329.52

Charity Donations

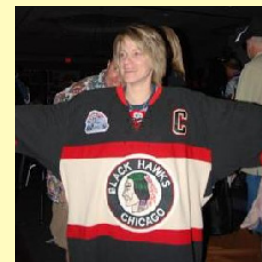
Alzheimer's	\$1,700.00
American Cancer Society	\$1,800.00
Good Sam	\$800.00

Other Expenses

General Office Expenses	\$1,317.33
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Non-Dues Income

Mercado	\$146.00
50/50	\$1,128.00



Julie Fitzpatrick
Count De Monet



Pirates of the Caribbean

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Karen Boylen
Social Director

Chiditarod Wrap Up

We had the intentions but something went awry... and registration closed before we could get our team signed up. Despite not being registered and typical Chicago winter weather our team braved the elements and headed to Bucktown for the race. Good thing we did as I have two things to say – Chiditarod is something you have to see to believe... I mean, really! Would you believe me if I told you that I saw Abe Lincoln dancing with Kermit the Frog to 80s tunes while a herd of cows played pool? My family didn't; in fact my brother-in-law asked me if I was on LSD and I don't think he meant Lake Shore Drive. Our Tiki Bar Cart would not have measured up we need to step up our game. There was two cart team that was decorated to be each had a half of the titanic (including iceberg), a cart with a grill and a keg, a covered wagon... and much more.

The food we collected was "awarded" to teams we judged worthy.... The Ghostbusters got a few bags because they were sabotaged and their food stolen (and they were cute). Tami Casey and Mary Kay Rich thought the Titanic carts were the best so each got a bag. Julie Hardesty gave her food to the Muppets as they had the best costumes and the team with the Keg got a bag, cuz well... They had a keg! DUH-WINNING! 🐼 So we are already making plans for next year's costume and so I have to ask...does the Phriendship Phund cover bail?

Saturday March 19 The Party Continues. 8:30 to 12:30

Mr. Myers will be continuing their yearlong 30th Birthday Celebration Cabana Charley's Spring Fling. Enjoy music and drink specials from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. and remember Cabana Charley's is home to the Pre-Party for Party In Parrot-Dise so this could be a practice run. Cabana Charley's is located at 6315 Main Street in Woodridge (in the Seven Bridges complex).

Saturday March 25 BEACH PARTY WINE DOWN 6:30 to 9:30

The Prairie State Winery in Genoa, IL is having a Beach Party and we should be there. From 6:30 to 9:30 the Disorderlies will be playing. Who are the Disorderlies? They are a five piece version of the band South of Disorder – all of the fun, they just need a smaller stage. Prairie State Winery is located at 217 W. Main Street, Genoa. Club members Dean and Terrie McClain call Genoa home... so let's bring our social to their neighborhood for a change.

Thursday April 14 ONE PARTICULAR THURSDAY 7 TO 10

Get your Party In Parrot-Dise weekend started on Thursday.....by listening to Frank Whiting at Cheeseburger In Paradise, Downers Grove. The good thing about this month is if he does not get to your request off the napkin list, then he can play it on Saturday at the PIP Happy Hour.

Friday April 15, - TAXES ARE DONE TIME TO PARTY

Celebrate tax day and come out and spend your refund on some 50/50 tickets at the Party In Parrot-Dise Pre-Party at Cabana Charley's in Woodridge. The Mr. Myers Duo will be playing from 8:30 to 12:30.

Saturday April 16 – 3 to 6 HAPPY HOUR

Join us at the hotel bar at Marriott Hickory Ridge, for the official Party In Parrot-Dise Happy Hour. Frank Whiting will be performing, and those that did not win Friday's 50/50 raffle will have another chance.

Saturday April 16 7 p.m to midnight PARTY IN PARROT-DISE

If you don't know what I am talking about crawl out from under your rock, go to the club website and buy your ticket for the biggest fundraiser of the year. Party In Parrot-Dise. It is at the Hickory Ridge Marriott, the Boat Drunks will take the stage at 8:00 and there will be raffles and vendors galore.

The PIP committee has been working extremely hard almost since last year's event. They work to make this event great you can say thank you by speaking with Kelly Kerr and volunteer an hour during that weekend. We need volunteers for decorating, selling raffle tickets, selling 50/50 tickets and clean up. We also need volunteers for security - since the hotel is a public venue, we want to make sure baskets only go home with the person that won them. This is a large club -a little bit goes a long way. Volunteer today!





Pirate Momma Aymee Membership Maven

GROWING OLDER,
BUT NOT UP:

B I G Happy Birthday
Wishes go to:

MARCH:

In Memory of:

Sharon Marek ~ March 18th

Tami Casey ~ March 22nd

Kelly Kerr ~ March 24th

Robert Niedzwiedz ~ March 25th

Michael Davids ~ March 28th

APRIL:

Teresa Bunger ~ April 3rd

Bob Clauser ~ April 5th

Todd McPencow ~ April 6th

Neil Compton ~ April 8th

Deborah Harrison ~ April 11th

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 !!!

ALOHA PHriends !

We have some NEW PHLOCK MEMBERS to recognize this
month of March !!!
Please take a moment to Greet them with a VERY warm "Aloha !"



• Lorelei Dreyer - who loves being
anywhere Beachy or Tropical! (by the
way, if you look closely, there's a LEI in
Lorelei's name !)

• Braden (Brad) Benninghoff - whose
favourite song is "Tin Cup Chalice"

• George and Denise Sifnotis - whose
One Particular Harbour is Negril !

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



Pirate Momma Aymee
Your Membership Director

Parrot Head of the Month page is back!
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 !

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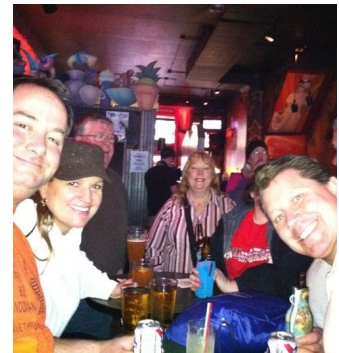
Doreen Warner & Dan Boylan
at Cabana Charlie's



Bill Brehm at Chiditorad



Parrot Heads Trying to Score
Tickets to the July Concert



Parrot Heads supporting
the Chiditorad





PARROTHEAD OF THE MONTH !!! Lorelei Dreyer

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO PARROTHEADS?

I just joined the club last month (February), so I am a brand new member.

WHAT IS YOUR HOMETOWN and WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW?

My hometown is Cincinnati, Ohio but I moved to Oak Park last October.

BUFFETT'S MAKIN' MUSIC FOR MONEY, WHAT DO YOU DO?

I am currently looking for a job in marketing/graphic design. I am a graphic designer.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO KEY WEST?

Yes HOW MANY TIMES? I have only been once so far, as part of a marine biology trip in high school.

IF YES, HAVE YOU STUMBLED OVER TO LOUIE'S BACK YARD?

I have not yet --I was only there for one day/night and I was only 16 years old. I DID persuade everyone to go to Margaritaville for dinner though and had my very own Cheeseburger in Paradise! I plan to hit up all the "Buffett places" when I get back down there though.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE * / SONG?

I have to make it plural, ;) but I guess I would say "Tin Cup Chalice" is my all-time favorite and I also love, "The Great Filling Station Holdup", "One Particular Harbour", "Boat Drinks", and "Fins" --though there are others that are growing on me like "Weather With You" and "Breathe In Breathe Out Move On". It's like I have a fever and the only cure is more Buffett!!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE LYRIC FROM ANY BUFFETT SONG?

Of course I love the first line of "Fins" --"she came down from Cincinnati", haha! I guess my most favorite lyrics are in "Tin Cup Chalice" though --"Give me oysters and beer for dinner every day of the year and I'll feel fine" --I do wish he would have somehow worked "and key lime pie" in there somehow too, ha!

HOW MANY BUFFETT CONCERTS HAVE YOU BEEN TO?

I think my count is at 5. I tried to figure it out recently and got a little stuck. I'm sure I have my tickets somewhere to validate my notion. This year I plan to make it lucky number 7 with a show here and one in Cincinnati!

WHAT'S ON YOUR CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE?

Definitely pickles and definitely American cheese, ketchup, mustard, onion, lettuce and tomato -- obviously some grilled hamburger and a bun J I am open to new concoctions though!

BESIDES BUFFETT, WHAT OTHER KINDS OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO?

Mostly I listen to Radio Margaritaville, but I really love 80's pop because it takes me back to being a kid again and it's fun. I am also a big George Michael fan even though I get teased for it by my friends and family.

IF YOU COULD MEET ANY PERSON, LIVING OR NOT, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

I know it seems obvious, but I would absolutely LOVE to meet Jimmy Buffett. He may be my favorite person EVER. Also Lucille Ball, Judy Garland, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, Amelia Earhart, Trudy Ederle and Abigail Adams and George Washington to name a few.

WHAT IS IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR?

I have no idea. I haven't driven much since I moved here. Probably just the emergency flares my dad gave me and some miscellaneous junk leftover from moving.

FAVORITE DRINK?

San Pellegrino with a fresh lemon or lime slice.

FAVORITE MOVIE?

The Princess Bride or the first Batman.

FAVORITE BOOK?

Bridget Jones' Diary

WHERE IS YOUR ONE PARTICULAR HARBOUR?

Jacksonville, Florida

WORDS TO LIVE BY?

Always be yourself and always have fun!

WHAT'S THE STORY YOU'RE STICKING TO?

Whatever the truth is. I'm big on honesty and truth.

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU ABOUT BEING A PARROTHEAD?

Fun and friends and tropical drinks in tropical places





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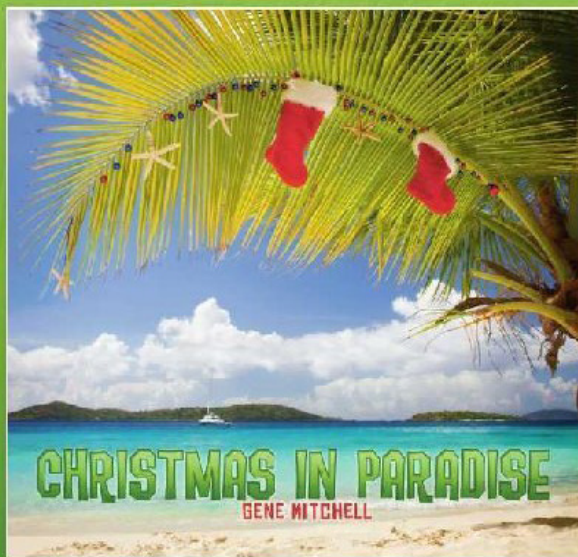
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Date	Event/ Group	Location	City
19-Mar	One Particular Beach Party hosted by the Detroit PHC	Best Western	LePeer, MI
	Cabin Fever Reliever hosted by Phloc 186	Dave's Sportden	Evansville, IN
8 - 10 Apr	Flipperstock hosted by the St. Louis, MO PHC	Sheraton Westport	St. Louis, MO
15 Apr	P-i-P Pre-Party	Cabana Charleys	Woodridge, IL
16 Apr	Party in Parrot-Dise	Hickory Ridge Marriott	Lisle, IL
13-15 May	Phins to the West	Avi Resort & Casino	Laughlin, NV
9-12 Jun	Phlocking of the Phaithful Cleveland PHC	Commodore Resort	Put-in-Bay, OH
8-10 Jul	Laid Back Attack Parrotheads of Puget Sound	Kingston Cove Yacht Club	Bremerton, WA
16 Jul	Beach Bash & Volleyball Beaches A1A Parrot Head Club	Holiday Inn Oceanfront	St. Augustine, FL
23 Jul	Jimmy Buffett Concert	Toyota Park	Bridgeview, IL

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