



Chicago Parrot Head News

We'll there's no doubt the warm winds of April have provided a wonderful Spring thaw that is almost complete. This has been a fantastic month for me! Not only did I mark another trip around the sun, but I also had the immense pleasure of attending the Jimmy Buffett Tribute concert at the iconic Hollywood Bowl in California. The lineup of performers and the vibrant atmosphere made it an unforgettable experience—one of the best concerts I've ever attended. I owe a heartfelt thank you to Cheryl and Jim Einsele for generously sharing their PHIP lottery ticket opportunity with me. For those interested, here's a YouTube playlist featuring highlights from the concert: [Jimmy Buffett Tribute YouTube Link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4Ztm8vX12s&list=PLSU6ay-PKIWgNKsgaY-gUHViuq0CkttA5&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4Ztm8vX12s&list=PLSU6ay-PKIWgNKsgaY-gUHViuq0CkttA5&index=1)

With the promise of warmer months ahead, the Crew has meticulously planned our journey well into the Summer, with lots of surprises for all. Our much-anticipated annual "Talk Derby to Me" event—a lively bar-hopping affair infused with the thrill of the races—is just around the corner. Be sure to consult our club calendar for details and keep an eye on the club website for wagering opportunities on the main event (coming soon!). And let's not forget the imminent arrival of House Concert Season—dates and times can be found on our club calendar.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to register for our charitable "Chill-at-the-Beach" Summer Trop Rock Music Event, set to take place at the picturesque Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center from August 2nd to 4th. Visit our website for event information regarding tickets, accommodations, and entertainment lineup: <https://www.summerchi-ill.com/>

If you feel you have something to add, like an event, social gathering, or rumors of live music, contact the crew so we can make sure to fire up the Coconut-Telegraph so everyone knows!

Lastly, if there be questions that bother you so... please do not hesitate to ask. The crew can be contact via email: crew@chicagoparrotheads.com



One last thing – special thanks to Patrick for putting this month's newsletter together... and a bigger cheer to Patrick on his Bday (4/17), the day of our April meeting (so buy him a drink)!

Love and Luck & Bubbles Up!
Capt'n Joe



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Thank you for dedicating your time and treasure. United we stand, together we Phlock to Party with a Purpose.

Happy Birthday!

Ed Dunn 4/17
Patrick Downey 4/17
Dennis Meade 4/17
Biz Blasinski 4/19
Steve Mckinstry 4/20
Chris Bert 4/20
Bernard Fliss 4/20
David Russo 4/22
Bill Tropp 4/22
Cheryl Metcalf 4/23
Doug MacArtney 4/24
Christine Vanata 4/24
Sharon Klupar 4/24
Mike LaGioia 4/26
Angela Loveless 4/27
Bob McAllister 4/30
John Eberhardt 5/1
Al Camp 5/7
Terrie McClain 5/8
Karen Evinger 5/13

“Yes I'll make a
resolution
That I'll never make
another one
Just enjoy this ride
on my trip around
the sun
Just enjoy this ride”

Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership



We now have a record-breaking 207 members in our club!

New members

Welcome to our newest members Vickie and Harold Boelter, we're glad to have you in the club!

Long standing members, remember to show some love if you see someone with a white lei. That means we have a new member gutsy enough to hang out with a bunch of Parrotheads that they don't even know!



The Pirate Hood— Charity Page *Kathy Sullivan—Charity Director*

Spring is in the air Phreinds!!



50-50 Raffle

April 50/50 virtual raffles tickets on sale!!!
 Drawing will be held April 17th live during our monthly Phlocking. You can buy your tickets online for the raffle. Just click the link below or scan the QR code and it will bring you to the form to fill out and you can pay via PayPal.



***We have instituted the Ed Dunn rule (LOL), you are allowed 3 wins in a year. Because we will never say no to a donation for charity, if Ed wins we will just re-spin until we have another winner. ☹️

<https://www.chicagoparrotheads.com/50-50-affle/>

We will again be volunteering to put flags on the graves at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Please let us know if you can join us Friday May 24th. More info to follow!

We are looking for volunteers to put together Baskets for Chi.ILL at the Beach, please let us know if you would like to create a basket in one of the themes below. They would be needed by end of June. Value should be between \$30-70 and we would need a listing of each item in the basket. You can text Kathy 708-217-3119 to claim a theme or if you have a better idea please let me know.

Basket Themes still not claimed	Basket theme claimed	
"merica "	Family Game Night	Bubble Up
Caffeine Fix	Bourbon And Cigars	Spa Day
Caribbean Adventure	Craft Beer & Liquor	Staycation
Foodies	Book Club	Wine Night
Get Cooking	Doggy Basket	Margarita Basket
Girls Night	Bloody Mary	Backyard BBQ
Handyman Basket	A Night At The Movies	Date Night
Jell-o Shot	Road Trip	Summer Fun
Picnic In The Park	Taco Tuesday	Pirate / Rum
Poker Night		
Tailgating		
Windy City		

We will also be asking for donations of wine & Liquor for our bottle auction. The value should be \$20 and up and can be in a gift bag. These will be used to raise money by live auction during the event! This is a fun way to raise money!!!!

Monthly Donations (KEEP THEM COMING!): We continue to accept pop tabs, spices (salt, pepper and other popular ones) & personal care (soap, travel shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, floss) items.

The Social Navigator

Did you hear the good news? We now have a store where you can get your club shirt or other merchandise. Be sure to head over to the Members Only section of our website and place your order now.



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director



The Social Navigator continued....

Are you ready for a fun filled summer? I hope so and the good news is, it starts way before summer arrives!!

We get started on May 4th with the 4rd Annual Talk Derby to Me! We are back in Westmont and will follow the same crawl. Kicking off at Uptown Tap at 1:00 PM and we will move location at each Post Time until our final location to watch the Kentucky Derby at 5:57 PM. Details and locations will be announced soon.

Then on May 10, it's the Chicago Dogs Baseball Team Home opener and a Hawaiian Shirt give away. Watch your emails for details.

Have you been on the edge of your Tiki Bar chair waiting on the House Concert announcements? Well, the wait is over. Mark your calendars:

May 19 Christopher Dale at Alter Brewing in Oak Brook

June 1 Drop Dead Dangerous at Wegners'

June 30 Frank Whiting at Wegners'

Looking for a quick summer get away? How about heading down state on July 7th to see the Boat Drunks for a Jimmy Buffett Tribute at Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, IL (near Springfield). Wine, Food Trucks and The Boat Drunks. Sounds like a good time to me!

July 14 Jesse Rice at the Dunns. You won't want to miss Jesse's first house concert in Chicagoland.

July 20 – Chicago Dogs are hosting Jimmy Buffett night

August 2-4 SUMMER CHI-ILL This will be epic. Do you have your tickets yet?

August 24 Buffett at the Barn is back

Watch your email for details on all these great events!! Fins up! This is how we keep the party going and I can't wait to see everyone at all these great events!!

Have an idea for a club outing? I'm always looking for ideas. Drop me an email at social@chicagoparrotheads.com

Recording Secretary - John Sheridan

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20th, 2024
CHICAGO PARROTHEADS MEETING
Location: Another Round Bar & Grill

In attendance were President Joe Klen, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney, Secretary- John Sheridan, Communications Director- Mario Armas, and Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director.



Absent: Social Director -Nancy Schreiner and Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director.

President Joe Klen called the meeting to order at 7:30

I hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day! I'd like to take a moment to thank Another Round Bar and Grill for hosting us this month. Don't forget, there's still time to enter the monthly raffle. Kathy just informed me that the jackpot has reached \$272.

I have a few announcements to make and after that, we'll hear from the rest of the board members. Patrick did our newsletter this month in addition to his job over at the Chicago Dogs baseball stadium. He wanted me to tell everyone here that May 10th is opening day there and that day will be Hawaiian shirt day.

Nancy and Patrick will plan an event for May 10th and invite a group of people. On July 20th, they will attend Jimmy Buffett night. Also, they have launched a merchandise website with Island Jay. The website offers t-shirts, mugs, and other items. Nancy and Joe are working to add more items to the website. If you don't see something you like, you can suggest it. They will also be offering new shirts for members.

Lastly, the Summer Chill event is coming up on August 2nd through 4th. Sign up, please. We have a cap of 200 and we're at 120 attendees so we're getting there. You know people are trickling in there are about maybe 18 to 24 rooms left out of like 92 so there are some rooms available tickets available.

There was also extensive remodeling of the hotel and beach area.



03/20/24 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Next, MOTM registration is open and that is going quickly. I think they're putting a cap on the tickets, so regular registration will continue until a particular day. There is a limit on the number of VIP tickets and there are probably 10 VIP tickets left.

So if you're interested in going there, please go to the website MOTM.ROCKS.

Joe reminded people not to forget to buy treats for the Friendship Fund and 50 50 raffle.

Doug gave the Treasures report. He stated that the money is good and we're in great shape. He stated we have a lot of money flowing into the account because of Chi.ill sales and all that hey everything balances to the penny that's good. The report is under the membership section of our website for your review.

Kathy was our next speaker, and she did two reports, one for Charity and one for Social because Nancy was absent.

She announced there was a charity event this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. We are going to be working at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. There were a few open spots if someone wanted to sign up. There will be a social at McBride's on 52, which is 2727 West Jefferson Street in Joliet.

She announced that she just sent out an email tonight with the list of baskets that we want to do the themes for Chill at the Beach so we're looking for volunteers to help create those baskets. She is working on getting things for the silent auction.

Remember social events we've got booze and Bunny that'll be Siegel's Cottonwood Farms on Saturday, April 20th from 6 to 10:00 p.m. Talk Derby to Me will be on Saturday, May 4th at Wesmont with bar crawling the restaurants, lots of fun. Everything for socials will be put on the calendar and Facebook.

Joe stated that Cheryl was not going to be here, but she was working with Island Jay to get these new members their shirts. She will be contacting you for your shirt sizes etc.

Cheryl is the Co-Chair for Summer Chi.ill. She has provided two letters that are available on the back table. One is a flier about the event and the other is for getting sponsorship for the event.

03/20/24 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Joe announced that we will have a professional Auctioneer so what we will be asking is for members to bring in bottles of liquor or prizes as such they will have a value of \$20 or more. They will be wrapped up so when they are auctioned off it's kind of like a blind match.

Joe stated that Kathy was ready to pull the winner for the 50/50 raffle and the winners would get \$280. Kathy stated that there were 151 people entered the drawing.

Kathy announced that Jennifer Barnes was our winner.

The question was asked if we were going to have a T-shirt for Chi.ill. Joe stated that he was working with Island Jay, and they plan on selling shirts with a cool logo.

There will be a link in the future for people to go on and get what they want.

Kathy reminded people that 20% of what we spend on that website comes back to the cub to help support what we do.

We then sang Happy Birthday to Maddie.

Next Kelly McAllister came up to thank everyone for their support with fundraisers for her grandson Koen. She announced that this year so far, they have raised over \$17,000 for the cause.

She is looking to do a candlelight Bowl sometime in September. She is out in the New Lenox area. She will update later and it should be fun. You know we're going to do it in the afternoon so that Koen could participate. Thank you to everyone who's taken the time out whether they were prayers, cash donations everything that you've done I appreciate it thank you.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

John Sheridan

Recording Secretary

Chicago Dogs Opening Night May 10th Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway to all fans!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CHICAGO DOGS

OPENING NIGHT | HAWAIIAN SHIRT | ALL FANS

The graphic features a blue Hawaiian shirt with a repeating pattern of hot dogs, ketchup, and the Chicago Dogs logo. The background shows a baseball stadium at night with a large crowd. A circular logo for Chicago Dogs is prominently displayed in the lower-left corner.



Keep an eye on your email for more details about this outing with the Chicago Dogs. We hope to see you all there!

Chi-ill At the Beach 2024



**No Salt
No Sharks
No Worries**

**August
1-4
2024**

**Jonas Lorence
Band
David Baker
Paul Roush
Brian Harms**

**Anchors Away
Donny Brewer
Carrie Welling
Eric Erdman**



Included in ticket price are dinners, beach and pool side music, late night campfire, and benefiting K9s for Veterans! All on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan!

www.summerchi-ill.com



4th Annual Talk Derby to Me

The Chicago Parrothead Club presents...

**4TH ANNUAL
TALK DERBY TO ME!
Pub Crawl**

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

**4 Locations in Westmont and we switch
pubs at Post Times until the running
of the Kentucky Derby!**

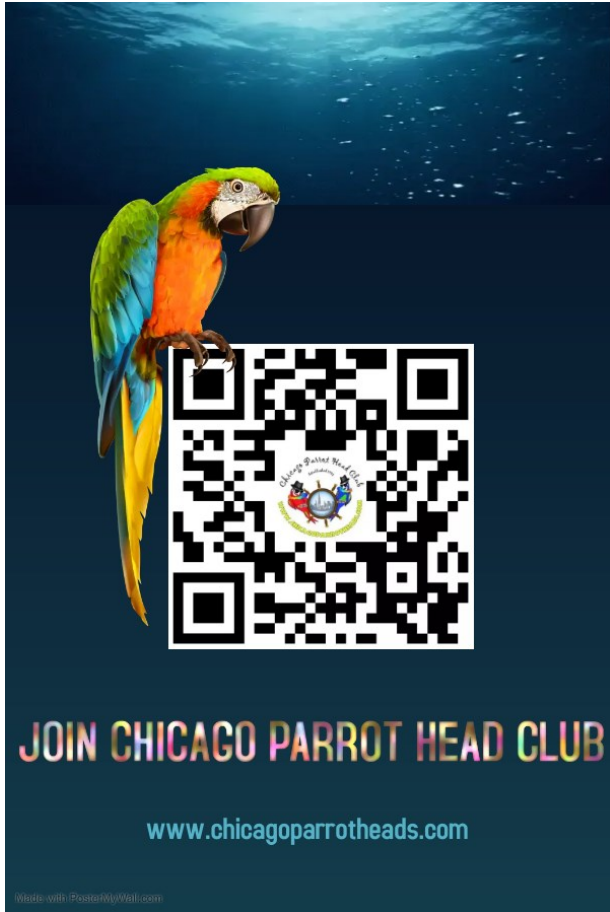
Place your bets on the club website with the winner(s)
getting 50% and the other 50% going to charity!

**Don't forget to wear your
Derby Best!**

Details can be found at
www.chicagoparrotheads.com



Join The Chicago Parrothead Club



Join us or renew your membership here!

Current members: If you haven't yet renewed your club membership, you can do it now, scan the QR code under the Parrot or just click him!

New Members :

Scan or click the QR code and open the door to a world of new opportunities. We promise—no secret handshakes.



Chicago Parrot Head Club Mission

We're a not for profit organization for people who enjoy Jimmy Buffett's music, and have a tropical spirit. Our club engages in volunteer support for local and environmental concerns, raises money for a variety of charities and parties like no other. The Chicago Parrot Head Club is officially sanctioned by [Parrot Heads in Paradise](#) and was established in 1993.

Learn more about us at the [Chicago Parrot Head Club website](#) or visit us on Facebook



Note we are not a 501c3 organization.

Schedule of Upcoming Events 2024

April 2024

Apr 17—Monthly PHC Meeting

Apr 20—Booze & Bunnies

May 2024

May 4—4rd Annual Talk Derby to Me

May 10—Chicago Dogs Home Opener
Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway to all fans!

May 15—Monthly PHC Meeting

May 19—Christopher Dale at Alter
Brewing

[Chicago Parrot Head Events Calendar](#)

The Monthly Chicago Parrot Head News Letter is Published by the Pilot House Crew.

Have questions? Need Answers? Have an idea you would like to share—lets squawk about it and send it to your humble crew or meet us the third Wednesday of the month at our regular club meeting.

Reach out to us if you have any general questions regarding our club. If you have any information on an upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Jon Kotrba no later than the first Friday of the month at jon@chicagoparrotheads.com. Like writing? We are always open to publishing new content and could use a couple regular columns. Send me a note and we can get you going.

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50-50 Raffle