



Chicago Parrot Head News

Ahoy Parrotheads!

Well, Spring has definitely sprung—and the warm winds of April have brought a much-needed thaw. What a month it's been! For me, it marked another trip around the sun, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to kick off the season. Now the fun stuff...

Our ever-popular "Talk Derby to Me" event is just around the corner! This annual bar-hopping adventure—complete with race-day energy and maybe even a few questionable hats—is always a blast. Check the club calendar for all the details, and keep an eye on the website for upcoming wagering opportunities. Trust me—you don't want to miss the main event.

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Also coming up fast: House Concert Season! The tunes, the friends, the vibes—it's all back. Dates and times are up on the club calendar, so be sure to check it out and save those spots.

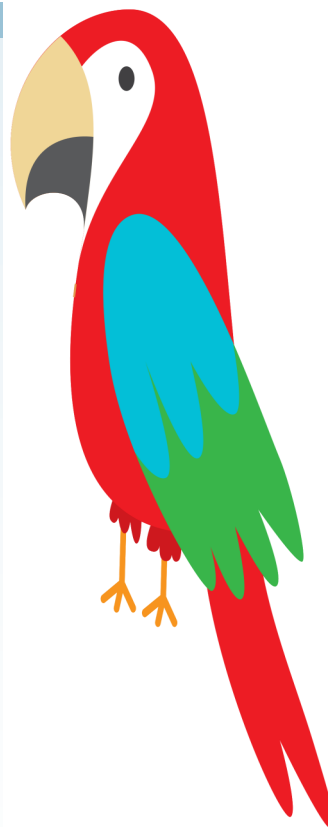
Looking a little further ahead, mark your calendars now for our next "Chill at the Beach" charitable bash, happening July 31–August 2, 2026, at the Illinois State Beach Resort and Conference Center. It only happens every other year, and you will want to be there.

Got an event, gathering, or even a hot rumor about some live music? Let us know! We'll fire up the old Coconut Telegraph and help spread the word. Drop us a line anytime at: crew@chicagoparrotheads.com. And of course, if you've got any questions, we're always happy to help.



Lastly, on a more somber note, as many of you know, we have lost one of our long time (and much too young) club members - Johnny Sheridan. Johnny had a one-of-a-kind spirit - full of warmth, joy, and a way of seeing the world that reminded us to slow down and appreciate the little things. I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the joy he brought to our group. His obituary can be found here: <https://fredcdames.com/tribute/details/9355/John-Sheridan-Jr/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Love and Luck,
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!

Allison Watson 4/3
Ann MacArtney 4/4
John McIntyre 4/4
Marie Coglianese 4/4
Cheryl Kuropas 4/6
Vicki Boelter 4/8
Neil Compton 4/8
Mike Metcalf 4/11
Joe Klen 4/12
Julie Kotrba 4/14
Jeanette Hagen 4/16
Patrick Downey 4/17
Doug MacArtney 4/24
Kyle Niedzwiecki 5/4
Al Camp 5/7
Terrie McClain 5/8
Karen Evinger 5/13
Cathy Kappel 5/15
Kevin Eltoft 5/16
Mark Evinger 5/18

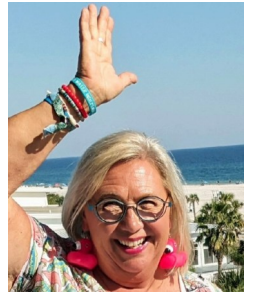
John Eberhardt 5/21
"Yes I'll make a
resolution
That I'll never make
another one
Just enjoy this ride on
my trip around the sun
Just enjoy this ride"

Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership

New members

A very warm welcome to our new members Lora Bak and Adrienne Davis!



The Pirate Hood— Charity Page Cheryl Kuropas—Charity Director

April Charity



50-50 Raffle

Monthly Fin's Up Volunteers meet once a month on a weekday to work at various local charities, then go out for a social. If you'd like to join this fun little group, contact Cheryl Wegner at member-ship@chicagoparrotheads.com



Coming up:
Thursday April 17 12-2 pm West Suburban Community Pantry, Woodridge

Thursday May 1 9-1 pm Operation Support Our Troops, Lisle

Thursday June 12 12-2 pm West Suburban Community Pantry

Thursday June 26 9-1 pm Operation Support Our Troops, Lisle

July Take a break!

Thursday August 21 12-2pm West Suburban Community Pantry



The Social Navigator

Time to start shopping for your Derby outfit! The 5th Annual "Talk Derby to Me" Derby Day Bar Crawl is coming up on Saturday, May 3rd.

We will start at 1:00 pm and we will move to each location in time for the next Post Time until our final location to watch the Kentucky Derby!

1:00 Uptown 12 W. Burlington Westmont

2:30 Potbelly Pub 24 N. Cass Westmont

3:30 Bishops Chili 250 N. Cass Westmont (CASH ONLY)

4:20 Neat Kitchen 246 N. Cass Westmont

5:40 Kentucky Derby!!!

We will also have our 50/50 raffle again to support one of our local charities. \$5 bet per horse, and you can bet for as many horses as you like. Half of all proceeds will go to the club charities and the other half will be split amongst the winners of the races. Whichever horse wins....all members that bet on that horse will split the winnings.

We have a great summer of house concerts planned. These are a Must See!! Be sure to save the dates.

05/17- Christopher Dale Timler's Tiki Bar Franksville, WI

6/14 - Dan Sullivan

6/28 Kirstie Kraus and Scott Southworth at Timler's Tiki Bar

6/29 - Two Dudes in Flip Flops - Another Trip Around the Sun CPHC 32nd Birthday Bash. All current and former Chicago Parrothead Club members are welcome!

7/19 - Ricky Lamb and Emily Randle

7/26 - Mike Nash at Timler's Tiki Bar

8/1 - Jimmy Buffett Night at Starved Rock

8/2 - Rebel Railroad

8/23 - TBD

9/ 6 Jesse Rice at Timler's Tiki Bar

And don't forget Chill at the Beach next year 7/31/2026 to 8/2/2026 Save the dates! We're heading back to the beautiful Illinois Beach Hotel in Zion, IL.

If you 'd like to host or you have questions about hosting a house concert, just contact the crew at crew@chicagoparrotheads.com



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director



Recording Secretary - John Sheridan

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 19, 2025
CHICAGO PARROTHEADS CLUB MEETING
LOCATION: ANOTHER ROUND

In attendance were, Social Director - Nancy Schriener, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney, John Sheridan Recording Secretary, Communications Director- Mario Armas and Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director and Jennie Watkins - Phriendship Fund.

Absent: President Joe Klen, and Cheryl Kuropas- Charity Director



Cheryl Wegner called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Cheryl announces the 50/50 was up to \$264 for St. Jude's and the Boston Marathon that our very own Christy Frisoni will be running. Christy will be talking about it later in the meeting.

Cheryl asked for a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting and there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer- Doug MacArtney stated that our money was good and nothing new to add.

Cheryl Wenger gave the membership report and membership is at 169 people. Welcome to our new member Hank Achtien.

She then filed in for Cheryl K and reported that the 50/50 was going to St. Jude's and invited Cristy to come up and give a report on what she will be doing.

She stated she will be running the Boston Marathon on April 21 for St. Jude's Research Hospital. She stated she first became aware of St. Jude's in 1996 when her cousin was diagnosed with sarcoma and was in and out of the hospital for 2 years before the disease took his young life. At that point and time, she decided to do something so in 2015 she ran her first marathon to support St. Jude's. In 2021 she ran the New York marathon for St. Jude's. Boston Marathon only gives out 5 bibs to St. Jude's and Christy was one of the lucky ones to be chosen.

Also, Bank of America chose Christy to do a photo shoot and love her story and now she appears on billboard throughout Boston. Along with a radio spot on IHeart Radio to tell her story.

Christy, as a marathon runner, I'm so proud of you and your dedication to the children of St. Jude's. You are AWESOME!

Cheryl W then talked about the massive sale at the K-9's for vets this weekend and next weekend.

Social Director - Nancy Schriener then gave her report. So first up, thanks everybody who came out to our house concert a couple weeks ago with Scott Southworth, and Bob Karwin.

Coming up at the end of the month, we've got our gangster bus tour, but Cheryl's going to give us more on that. Stay tuned for details.

Coming up in April, we're going to do a tiki bar on a Saturday, flocking to Tiki Bar.

Haven't decided which one yet. Returning in May, talk Derby to me, who's ready? If you haven't come last year or the year before, it's a fun time. We take over Westmont and crawl bar to bar, and our Derby best.

Then we get into some house concerts. We've got Dan Sullivan coming up in June. We've got Two Dudes in Flip Flops. Cheryl's going to have some more information on that one as well. Then coming up in August, we've got a trip to available option over at Stark rock, they've got a Buffet night. Cheryl's got some information on that, and hotels where we can get away. And then rounding out our summer so far, the return of Rebel Railroad. So, lots of good stuff to come information, and Anybody has any questions, anybody has any ideas for socials? Let us know. Anybody wants to host a house concert? Let us know we're always open to new houses.

Meeting Minutes continued...

Our Alzheimer's Walk is coming up again this October. Our team is up and running. We'll get some details out to you soon. We've had a great turnout in years past. I think last year we did little over \$10,000 so let's see if we can beat that again this year.

Cheryl W, this Friday night, some of you may have heard us talk about going to Shanahan's in Woodridge on a Friday night. There's a small group of us that's been going, and it's so much fun. There's a person that plays piano there, and his name is Dave Rice. Who remembers the Cryin Shames? Dave rice played with Cryin Shames and a lot of other bands. So, he plays piano, and he sets up three microphones, and people come from all over Chicagoland to sing. It's kind of a like a piano bar. Sing along.

March 29 the gangster bus. It is full at this point, 29 people. For those of you that are going, we can dress up. We all got fedoras. Or a lot of us have got fedoras for when we've done the blues, brothers, you wear those. I just ordered a 12 pack of like, ladies, you know, headband with the feather thing. I've got 12 of those. The big news on that is that we're leaving an hour earlier, leaving at 230 from Oak Brook. I'll also send out a reminder beforehand. And then, like, like Nancy said, June 14, Dan Sullivan at our house. First time he's ever come to Chicago for a house concert. June 29 with Two dudes in Flip Flops.

You know, we had our 30th birthday bash two years ago, and it was so much fun. We're going to call this another Trip Around the Sun, and we're going to do something similar to that. You know, typical 20 bucks for your side dish, but we'll invite everybody past and present from the club, so hopefully we'll get a good crowd that day.

Okay, then we're going to the weekend of August 1. And this is Buckle up for this one. Jimmy Buffet night at Starved Rock on Friday and we booked, like 17 rooms. There's a band coming. It's called the Steve sharp band. I'm thinking maybe Friday afternoon to build arrange like a private Ranger tour for us or something. They have these trolley tram things that'll take us down to the locks and dams and do a tour or something. Saturday morning you gott'a get up and get back here, because Saturday night, it's Rebel Railroad at our house, and they're going to do it like, a, like a Charlie Daniels tribute.

September 10, the Coral Reefers opening up for the Doobie Brothers at Tinley.

What's being planned for that is like a pre party at a bar next door called the Sweet Spot. They said that we can park for free in their parking lot. You can even leave, leave your RV overnight for free in their parking lot.

And you know, if you don't care about going to the concert, just come to the Sweet Spot. Coral Reefers are going to play for 65 minutes.

I want to ask you about Chill. Okay, so, we have a definite date for chill. It is July 31 through August. 2, 2026, not the summer next summer, because we take a year off so that we can do other stuff, right, so that the crew is not so busy.

Cheryl did a poll of a poll to see about adding another day, like starting on Thursday instead Friday.

We the committee is going to have their meeting in the next couple of weeks, and we have room on the committee for more helpers. We really encourage people to help. We need help, and we want and it's good to have new faces, new ideas. And if you come to help, we're going to make you help something, and it'll be good.

If you want to do that, just let me know, or let one of the crew members know that you'd be interested in helping.

And then here's just another little show of hands I want to get. What kind of interest would there be in a New Year's Eve event? Like maybe one of these, like package deals, hotel room, dinner, music, that way you don't have to drive anyplace. Okay, so a few people, yeah, I mean, I'll do anything that you have to drive on New Year's Eve.

Next was the 50/50 drawing. The winner of our 50/50 raffle was Pam Mulvaney.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
John Sheridan
Recording Secretary

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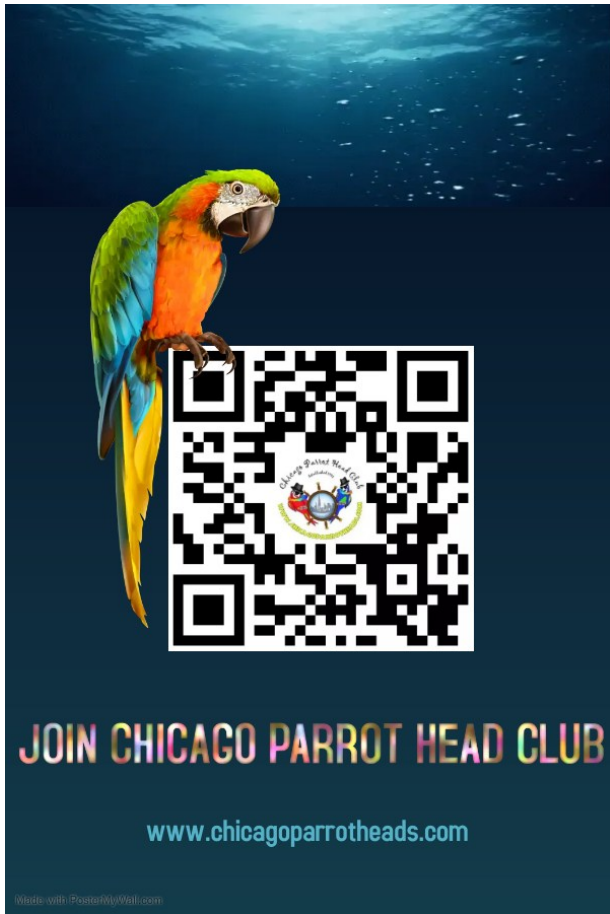
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Schedule of Upcoming Events 2025

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.

April 2025

April 16—Monthly PHC Meeting

May 2025

May 3—Talk Derby To Me!

May 17—Christopher Dale at Timler's Tiki Bar

May 17—Christopher Dale House Concert

May 21—Monthly PHC Meeting

[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 Mario Armas no later than the first Friday of the month at communications@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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