



Chicago Parrot Head News

Welcome to March Parrotheads!

Although we've just welcomed the arrival of Spring, it feels like we've been blessed with the luck of the Irish over the past couple months with our recent mild weather. Let's raise a pint and a dram with friends to toast the onset of Spring, the changing of the clocks, and St. Paddy's Day!

Registration for our Chi.ill at the Beach summer event is in full swing, and there are still rooms and tickets available. Don't wait any longer—join the festivities and make unforgettable memories. Visit the website for more details and to secure your spot.

Our dedicated crew has been hard at work laying the groundwork for what promises to be an extraordinary Spring, Summer, and Fall. Our club calendar is filling up rapidly with house concerts, club events, and summer activities. Keep a close eye on the CPHC club site calendar and the CPHC Facebook page, as new dates are added frequently.

As the old saying goes, "If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough!" Sláinte!



Love & Luck!
Capt'n Joe
Chicago PHC - President



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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!

Kathy Sabaina 3/19
John Pachuta 3/21
Maddie Batke 3/22
Tami Casey 3/22
Michael Vanata 3/22
Ann Murray 3/23
Shannon Venter 3/25
Peg Rossdeutcher 3/25
Pete Maffia 3/27
Tammy Snyder 3/31
Allison Watson 4/3
Ann MacArtney 4/4
Brian Harms 4/4
John McIntyre 4/4
Marie Coglianese 4/4
Johnny Sheridan 8/5
Cheryl Kuropas 4/6
Neil Compton 4/8
Mike Metcalf 4/11
Joe Klen 4/12
Julie Kotrba 4/14
Jeanette Hagen 4/16
Mike Wallin 4/16
Ed Dunn 4/17
Patrick Downey 4/17

“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



Welcome to our newest members,
Jeff Jordan and Melody Banner

Roster count-204

Hey Chicago Parrotheads! Let's Make Chi-ILL at the Beach
Epic for all of us, our guests, and especially K9s for Veterans!

We're gearing up for our biggest bash of the year, Chi-ILL at the Beach, and we need your help to make it truly unforgettable. Not only are we aiming for an amazing time under the sun, but we're also raising funds for a noble cause: K9s for Veterans.

We're on the hunt for sponsors and donors to help us make waves and create an epic event that supports this fantastic charity. Whether it's spreading the word, pitching in yourself, or getting creative with potential sponsors, every bit of support counts. Today our biggest need is sponsors and donors, and we're asking for all of you to help.

Let's come together and make Chi-ILL at the Beach the hottest event of the year while making a real difference for our veterans and their furry companions. Thanks for your help, and see you on the sand!

Phriendship Phund

Sometimes it's nice to send a little something to a member for a special occasion like celebrating their retirement, getting married, recovering from surgery. That's what our Phriendship Phund is for and we only know if other members tell us, so please, if you know of someone in need of a little something, tell let Jennie Watkins or the crew.



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

Happy New Year my Phreinds!!



50-50 Raffle

March 50/50 virtual raffles tickets on sale!!!
Drawing will be held March 20th live on during our monthly Phlocking. You can buy your tickets online in the 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-raffle/>

Volunteer Opportunity-need to sign up!

March 23rd at 9am we have 10 more reserved slots for packing food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank Joliet Center 171 S Larkin Ave Joliet, IL 60436. This is a keet friendly opportunity and a nice way to get volunteer hours if needed for school. Ages 8 and up!

Please contact Kathy Sullivan with your name, email & phone # to get you registered to volunteer!

We will have #JamesStrong wristbands for sale to benefit Bob Karwin's son James for future expenses related to his accident a couple months ago. He will be in intense rehab and will need COBRA insurance and a car with specialized hand controls. They are selling for \$10/each. Contact Kathy Sullivan if you would like to purchase a wristband! Donations so far have helped them get an ADA compliant ramp installed in the house so James can independently get in & out.

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.

Themed Baskets		
"merica "	Girls Night	Date Night
A Night At The Movies	Handyman Basket	Doggy Basket
Backyard BBQ	Jell-o Shot	Family Game Night
Bloody Mary	Margarita Basket	Foodies
Book Club	Picnic In The Park	Get Cooking
Bourbon And Cigars	Pirate / Rum	Summer Fun
Bubble Up	Poker Night	Taco Tuesday
Caffeine Fix	Road Trip	Tailgating
Carribean Adventure	Spa Day	Windy City
Craft Beer & Liquer	Staycation	

Monthly Donations (KEEP THEM COMING!):

Just a little update, we can no longer accept printer cartridges. We will 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 join us for the Bob Marley One Love viewing party at the Hollywood Blvd Theater? If not, you missed an amazing movie and a great day with phriends.

We are still hard at work lining up some great house concerts, so stay tuned for announcements soon. For now, don't forget to save the date for some upcoming events:

3/23 Michael Shehan at Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar

4/20 Booze & Bunnies

5/4 Talk Derby to me!

6/1 Drop Dead Dangerous House Concert at Wegners'

6/30 Frank Whiting House Concert at Wegners'

7/7 Boat Drunks Jimmy Buffett Tribute at Hill Prairie Winery (near Springfield)

8/2-4 Chi-ill

8/24 Buffett at the Barn



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director

Have an idea for a club outing? I'm always looking for ideas.

Drop me an email at
social@chicagoparrotheads.com



Chi-ill At the Beach 2024

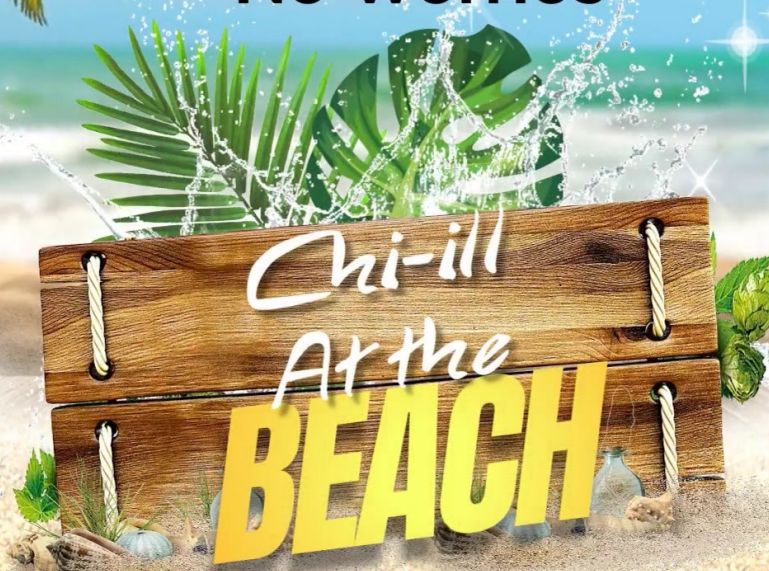


**No Salt
No Sharks
No Worries**

**August
1-4
2024**

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

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



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

www.summerchi-ill.com



Recording Secretary - John Sheridan

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21ST, 2024

CHICAGO PARROTHEADS MEETING

Location: Another Round Bar & Grill

In attendance were President Joe Klen, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney , Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director, Secretary- John Sheridan, Social Director -Nancy Schriener, Communications Director- Mario Armas and Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director.



Meeting was called to order at 7:30

President Joe Klen announced a monthly meeting at a bar with live streaming on FB. He highlighted some key points that are going on within the club.

Joe highlighted the following:

- Raffle 50/50 is up to \$284.
- Talked about the organization Summer Chill at the beach event is sponsoring, Canine for Veterans Charitable Organization
- The organization will be having a presentation.
- App registration is now open and tickets are selling fast.
- Over half of the tickets have been sold for Summer Chill Event
- Summer Chill event is half sold out, with 60 out of 90 rooms booked.
- Tickets for the MOTM Festival at Gulf Shores will go on sale on 27th of this month.
- The speaker will be present at the Summer Chill
- Celebrating the big blind slice for the biggest Margarita this Saturday at 6:00 , Shuckin' Shack

Treasurer- Doug MacArtney:

- Club financials are in great shape, with strong ticket sales.

Financial Report and Appreciation

- Financial report for January is available on the CPHC website.
- The club is in good financial shape.

President Joe Klen:

- Members express gratitude to Jon and Mario for their contributions to the club and newsletter. Joe thanked Patrick for putting the newsletter out each month.

02/21/24 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director:

Food Bank Volunteer Sign Up

- 15 people have signed up to volunteer at the Joliet food bank on March 23rd.
- There are still 10 spots available.
- To sign up, send an email with your name.

Organizing a Charity Event

- Planning a charity event on March 23rd after ISO.
- Collecting donations for silent auctions and gift baskets.
- Seeking additional donations and volunteers.
- Requesting for sponsors and donations for an unspecified event.
- Seeking tangible items like vacation houses and boats.
- Encouraging viewers to provide any form of support.

Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director

Organization's Membership Update

- Organization has 202 members.
- Karen Williams, Mary Krinock, Mike Edwards, and John McIntyre joined recently.
- Bakers did a great job.
- Two upcoming fish fry events will be held in the next couple of weeks.
- One will be at the VFW on the South side, and the other will be at the Holy Rosary KOFC in Arlington Heights on the North side.
- Both events will offer cheap food and drinks.

Social Director -Nancy Schriener:

- Discussion about upcoming National Margarita Day
- Upcoming Events and Announcements
- Margarita lime slice revealed at the shopping check on Saturday at 6 PM at the Shuckin' Shack.
- House concerts will be here before you know it
- Also, Derby Crawl will be in May
- Food bank social in Joliet area next month.
- House concerts and Derby Crawl (May)events coming up.

President Joe Klen:

- Introduced Michael Tellerino, CEO and founder of K9s for Veterans,
- Canines for Veterans Organization provides service dogs to veterans, sourced from shelters and trained for their role.

02/21/24 Meeting Minutes Continued...

- The organization offers free food and medical care for the dogs throughout their lives.
- A recent call from a veteran's wife expressed gratitude for the positive impact the service dog had on her husband's life.

Service Dogs' Impact on Veterans' Lives

- Service dogs help veterans overcome challenges like depression and social isolation.
- They provide companionship, encourage physical activity, and reduce stress.
- Veterans express gratitude for the positive impact service dogs have on their lives.

Service Dogs: Transforming Lives of Veterans

- 136 service dogs trained without a single failure.
- Veterans share how service dogs have positively impacted their lives.
- From social anxiety to newfound independence, these dogs provide invaluable support.
- Canines for Veterans provides service dogs to veterans with PTSD, covering medical expenses and food for the life of the dog.
- The organization's quick response and smooth transition process make it stand out compared to other programs.

First Veteran speaker:

- The veteran expresses gratitude for the invaluable support provided by Canines for Veterans.

Overcoming Social Anxiety through Therapy.

- Initially struggled with social anxiety, avoiding public places and outings with family.
- Therapy helps in overcoming anxiety, enabling participation in family activities and attending children's events.
- Grateful for the positive impact of therapy on personal and social life.
- Football games provide enjoyment and serve as a motivation to get out of the house.
- Social interaction and events like these contribute positively to overall well-being.
- The speaker emphasizes the importance of getting out and socializing for mental health.

Second Veteran speaker:

Appreciation for the Dog Training Organization

- The speaker emphasizes the importance of getting out and socializing for mental health.
- The dog training organization is highly responsive and dedicated to customer satisfaction.
- They make extra efforts to find the right dog for specific needs and provide assistance in various situations.

02/21/24 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Michael Tellerino, CEO:

- The organization is praised for its exceptional service and positive impact on dog owners.
- Promoting Veteran-Owned Stores and Inspire Home Show
- Promoting veteran-owned stores located near Macy's in the Bolingbrook Promenade.
- Inspire Home Show allows participating venues to donate products to charities after the event.
- Blowout sale with significantly reduced prices will be announced on Facebook.
- The group will sponsor a service dog for a veteran.
- The dog will be presented to the veteran in a ceremony.
- The veteran will benefit greatly from the service dog.

- Event organized by Canine for Veterans.

President Joe Klen:

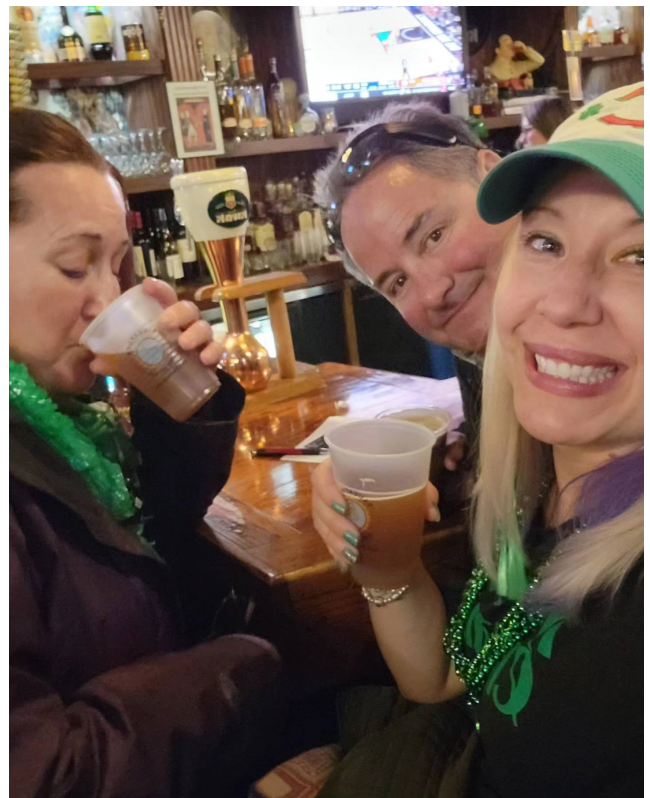
- Wrapped up the meeting by thanking members that drive all the way from Indiana
- Mike and Julie Hardesty traveled from Chester, Indiana to attend the event. And Captain Bob drives from Indy too.
- Next was the 50/50 drawing and the winner was Mike Piskel
- Attendees expressed gratitude for the event and the organization's efforts. Very large turnout for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
John Sheridan
Recording Secretary



Parrotheads on St. Patrick's Day



Happy St. Patrick's Day Chicago Parrotheads!



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

March 2024

Mar 1—Chicago Wine Fest on the

Mar 9-16—Parrothead Cruise 2024: Changes In Latitudes

Mar 20—Monthly PHC Meeting

Mar 23—Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteer Day

Mar 23- Michael Shehan at Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar

April 2024

Apr 17—Monthly PHC Meeting

Apr 20—Booze & Bunnies

[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