



Chicago Parrot Head News

Welcome to April my friends.

Just recently I experienced a short cruise on the Margaretville at Sea. Even though it rained the entire time and the temps were unseasonably low with some rough seas, the trip turned out to be an enjoyable and entertaining time. During the trip, I found out that this short Bahamas cruise is actually free to active and veteran military, first responders, law enforcement officers and educators – so check it out.. you won't be sorry.

Don't forget, this month's meeting takes place back at "Another Round Bar and Grill" – our home meeting location.

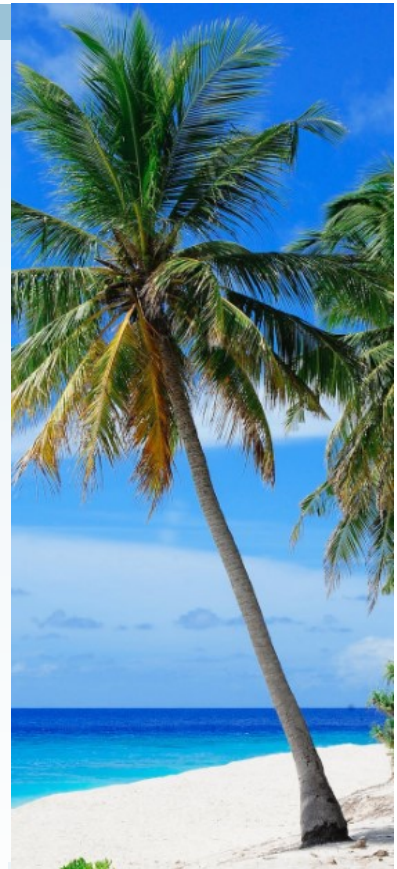
Another reminder includes our new on-line 50/50 donation raffle which is accessible through our website or cell phone via the QR code.

The crew is hard at work filling up our club calendar with fun social events and charity activities.



Please visit the club calendar frequently as it is updated regularly to reflect any newly added club gatherings and events.

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

Patrick Downey 4/17

Chris Bert 4/20

Bernard Fliss 4/20

Lisa Sawczuk 4/21

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

Joey Klen 5/6

Al Camp 5/7

Terrie McClain 5/8

Marc Passarelli 5/15

Cathy Kappel 5/15

Kevin Eltoft 5/16

Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership

Our club is growing with a new total of 162 members. Thanks everyone who has joined!

It's picture day at the April club meeting! We're updating/adding member's pictures to the directory in our member's only section of our website. Smile pretty!



Thanks to everyone for coming out to our monthly meetings, we appreciate you and we're offering you an attendance reward! Each time you come to a meeting from now through the end of the year, your name will go into a raffle for a fabulous prize!

We're getting close to our required minimum for the club flag order. We need just 2 more 3x5 orders, and 4 more car flags. We'll extend the deadline for another week or so, so please get your orders in!

[FLAG ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THE CHICAGO PARROT HEAD CLUB WEBSITE](#)

Congrats and enjoy your ride around the sun!

The Off-Beaten Path

A nod to the earlier club days before the news letter was the Chicago Parrot Head Club, it was the Off Beaten Path. Have a couple minutes? There is a treasure trove of newsletters and pictures to explore on line, check them out here—[Newsletters - Chicago Parrot Head Club](#)

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As we look to update our member photos, as a member you can explore the members only section and gallery to check out the pics already on-line, for memories of great times here—[MO Portraits - Chicago Parrot Head Club](#)

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Fins up!

Jon Kotrba—Communications

LAST CALL FOR FLAG ORDERS!! Just in the nick of time for all of our upcoming Parrothead events, we're thrilled to have Chicago Parrothead Club flags available for purchase! Show your true Parrothead spirit with a car flag for out of town adventures, a 3 x 5 flag to fly at tailgating events or hang from hotel balconies, or better yet....be a boss and get them both at the discounted bundle price! This is a limited time offer and we need to meet a minimum of 12 pieces in each size to place an order. Our target date to place the order is extended to April 24

3 x 5 flag \$90

Car flag \$40

Discounted bundle \$125

In the unlikely event that we don't have enough for a minimum order, your money will be refunded.



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

Welcome to Spring Phreinds!

APRIL 50/50 raffles tickets on sale now and WE HAVE GONE VIRTUAL! This is because we want everyone able to be involved in raising money for Charities!!!

Drawing will be held at the April Phlocking live on Facebook 4/19/2023. You do not need to be in attendance. You can buy your tickets online in the raffle. Just click the link below. It will bring you to the form to fill out and you can pay via PayPal.



PREVENT 22



50-50 Raffle

This month's Charity in honor of Mental Health Awareness is Prevent 22. See the link below to join the 50-50, and the link below that to read more about the charity we are helping support!!

[Purchase Raffle Ticket\(s\)](#) <<<<— Click Link or Scan code

WHO WE ARE - ABOUT PREVENT 22

Prevent 22 is an Illinois-based coalition comprised of military brothers and sisters out to accomplish one mission: lowering the number of Veteran suicides to 0 and bringing an end to the suffering our Veterans face when they return home. It's time we give our heroes a chance to live the lives they selflessly put on hold for our great country.

YOUR CHICAGO PARROT HEAD CLUB NEEDS YOU! GET OUT HAVE SOME FUN AND DO SOME GOOD!!

It is time again to start the fundraising for the Alzheimer's walk. Our walk will be Sunday October 3rd at 10am at Busse Woods Grove 5 Elk Grove Village, IL 60008. We had a great time last year and the Brunch in the woods was fun for all!!

Below is the link to the team page and so far this year we have raised 10% of our goal. But we don't want to just achieve our goal we want to CRUSH our goal of \$10,000! We have 6 team members registered but I know there will be more!



[2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Northwest Suburban, IL: Chicago Parrot Heads | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

Our March Club meeting and mixer—with special performances by Billy and Rosie





March Meeting Report

John Sheridan—Secretary

In attendance were, President Joe Klen, Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director, Secretary- John Sheridan, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney, Social Director -Nancy Schreiner, Communications Director- Jon Kotrba and Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director/ Phriendship.

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Klen at 7:33. Joe thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He also thanked the VFW for the use of their hall and Mario Armas for recording the meeting. He stated that next month we will be back at our regular location "Another Round." Joe announced that this was going to be the location for our 30th year's celebration. He also went on to say that we would be discussing the updates on the summer house concerts later in the meeting.

Talking about the new spin on the 50/50 raffle, you can use the QR code or go to the membership page and do it online.

Joe then talked about the new club flags that we can buy and Cheryl will be presenting the details later in the meeting. Next speaker was Communications Director- Jon Kotrba. He talked about getting members' pictures to add to our web page under the members section. You can either submit your favorite pic or you can take one by the club banner. Jon did get the new members that were in attendance tonight. Jon talked about the new way he delivers the newsletter. The switch over to a new server has its benefits such as if an email bombs then he can see this and check out why.

Treasurer- Doug MacArtney then gave his report. He stated the money (booty) is doing very well. Doug thanked Jon for getting the report up to the member's page each month and the new format is easier to read. If anybody needs a copy Doug will send it to them.

Next up was Social Director -Nancy Schriener. She stated we have a lot going on and more for the future. Working on a brunch for March 26th, at the Digs on Canal in Lemont, more information coming out later, it will be brunch, live music and cocktails.

"One Particular Wednesday" will become "One Particular Thursday" at the Shuckin' Shack in Naperville, with live music,

food and drinks. Currently working on Derby Crawl 2 for May 6th details coming out soon. We are still on the fence for the Madison Mallard ball game because it does conflict with the New Glarus event on the same day. We will probably send out information on both. For the house concerts coming up it is best to check the website and newsletter for details. We are currently working on plans for the 30th birthday of the club and could use a few more volunteers.

Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director/Phriendship gave her report next. She gave an update on the change to our 50/50 raffle. It's \$5.00 a ticket or 5 for \$25. You can use the QR code in the newsletter. She reported that we already surpassed what we normally get at our meetings. Tonight's donation goes to the Veterans Business Project. We can also start signing up for Alzheimer's walk on October 1st. Cheryl K. then gave an update on the book drive for the veterans and thanked everybody for bringing them to the meeting. Kristin talked about the Phriendship fund and looking for bakers next month. The funds are used for our membership.

Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director then gave us an update. She introduced our 4 new members to the group. She also talked about the flags and the cost of a 3'x'5 is \$90 and a car flag for \$40. If you buy both it would be \$125. She said we will have a fun social after the meeting by playing musical tables. It will allow you to meet and talk to new and old members. Billy Brehm gave an update for all our house concerts. The musicians are booking out a year in advance. We have 7 concerts scheduled already. Follow the newsletter for dates and times. There are no announcements for Jimmy Buffett for summer concerts. Bill then talked about MOTM and they are about 1/3 sold. Will have venues at different locations for music events and TRMA will be happening around that time. Billy described what MOTM was about to our new members. A lot of stuff will be happening at MOTM schedule that will be coming out soon.

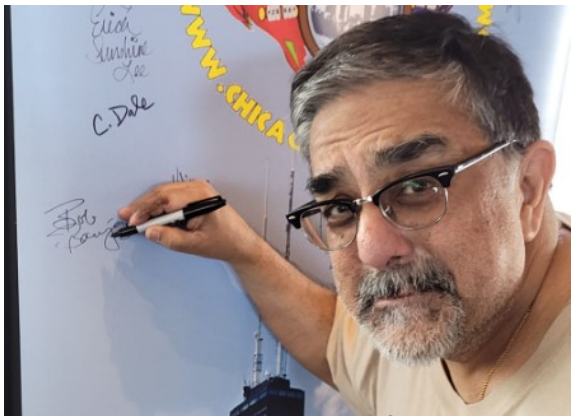
Joe announced the raffle is closed and the winner will be picked.

Billy then entertained us with some bagpipe music. Later, followed up with some Irish dancing from the daughter (Rosie) of one of our members.

The winner of the 50/50 for \$130 was Ed Dunn

Meeting adjourned at 8:17

Ricky Lamb and Bob Banerjee at Alter Brewing Company Live Music—Craft Beer!



CHICAGO PARROTHEAD CLUB

Club Meeting April 19

We are back at
Another Round Bar and
Grill, Downers Grove - 7
PM Flocking. Member
meeting starts at 7:30



50-50 Raffle



The Social Navigator

Nancy Schreiner—Social Director

WOW!! I told you it was going to be a great year to be part of the Chicago Parrot Head Club. The Ricky & Bobby Shake and Bake concert at Alter Brewing DID NOT DISSAPOINT! If you missed it, check out some of the videos posted to our Facebook Page. Thank you to Ricky Lamb and Bob Banerjee for a great show. And there are so many more great things planned.

April 20 Shuckin' Shack - Michael Shehan at 7 PM

May 4 – One Particular Thursday at Shuckn' Shack

Talk Derby to Me!

The 3rd Annual Talk Derby to Me will be back in Westmont on May 6th! We will follow the same crawl as last year, will kick 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 5:24 PM. Details and locations will be announced soon.

Did you ask about House Concerts??? Yes House Concerts as far as the ear can hear.

Here is a list of just a few scheduled so far:

May 20	Christopher Dale at Wegner's house
June 30	Scott Kirby at Brehm's house
July 17	Mike Nash at Dunn's house
July 29	Charlie Imes - TBD
Aug 4	Sunny Jim at Brehm's house
Aug 27	Drop Dead Dangerous Loaded at Wegner's house

>>>>>>Don't forget about the 30th Birthday Bash on Saturday, September 16<<<<<<<<

Planning for 2023 Summer Chill is also under way! If you are interested in volunteering to join a committee, please send an email to crew@chicagoparrotheads.com, and let us know which event you want to join.

Your crew is hard at work planning so many fun events this year, we are looking for a few good mates to join the planning committees.

HELP KEEP THE PARTY GOING JOIN A COMMITTEE EMAIL CREW@CHICAGOPARROTHEADS.COM

MOTM.ROCKS: OCT 24-29, 2023

TROP Rocking Update

• Billy Brehm

As we sail into Summer and with so many great events and house concerts happening, what else is PHiP (and me!) working on? I am happy to say that we are starting to move forward on some big initiatives to make it easier for our clubs to join and renew memberships, but this also gives us access to reach out to all of our members to provide them with new information and benefits in a members only section. From my desk, we have now brought forth the Margaritaville College Internship program (not to be confused with Margaritaville University), are bringing back discounts with Margaritaville brand items, SaltLife, and Island Jay (to start), and next is setting up plans for our club and/or its members to go on the Margaritaville at Sea cruise! What is exciting about this concept is that it can give a single person or couple travelling options, and can also give clubs an option to travel as a group or even region together. AND....if they want to they can build into the cost the entertainment of their choice! For example, if the Chicago Parrothead Club wanted to do a club cruise whereby they sail to the Bahamas, get off the ship and stay for a few days before returning and wanted to bring along



MARGARITAVILLE
at Sea

Mr. Myers or Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band (or both?), we can make that happen with some built in benefits or excursions as well!

The next step is to work on other vacation locations for similar discounts and options. This is the start of what I hope is big things to help clubs maintain membership and build membership. Keep your ear to the Coconut Telegraph for more to come!"

The Chicago Parrot Head Club Turns 30

As our club turns 30 we would like to recognize or present and past Presidents that have guided and grown our Phlock.

Scott Henderson
Barb Popescu
Mike Bresnahan
Bob Noonan
Bill Brehm
Joe Klen

Thank you for everything over the years. This one is for you, wherever you are! Fins Up!



December 2005—Scott Henderson and Jean Motal



Barb Popescu 2008

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 2023

March

04-19: Club Meeting

04-20: Michael Shehan at Shuckin Shack

April

05-04: One Particular Thursday Shuckin Shack

05-06: 3rd Annual Talk Derby to me

05-17: Club Meeting

05-20: House Concert - Christopher Dale, Don and Cheryl

[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