



# Chicago Parrot Head News

## *From the Captains Chair*

***Well, it seems a bit of love and lust (luck?) are in the air... Happy Valentines Day Parrotheads!***

House concert season is just around the corner and the clubs summer calendar is filling up fast with a half dozen performers tentatively confirmed and several others to be added soon.

It's official, our upcoming 30th Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at the VFW, Warrenville on Saturday September 16th. Planning and event organization are underway so please contact the crew to get involved and become part of the party committee (crew@chicagoparrotheads.com).



Hope everyone has their poonchkies (AKA Paczki) and King Cakes ordered for Fat Tuesday and the Mardi Gras festivities involving our favorite Parrot Head Vices - eating, drinking and debauchery!

Love and Luck,  
Capt'n Joe

**Chicago Parrothead Club**

Bring your gently used Hawaiian Shirts to donate to Misericordia

All are welcome!

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

## The Coconut Telegraph Jon - Communications

Will be traveling again this month for work and missing our club meeting in February. Should be back in March.

So much preparation is going on for an incredible summer celebrating not 10, not 20 but 30 YEARS of the Chicago Parrot Head Club. Keep a lookout for your favorite activities, sign up early and plan to be there!

This month Chicago Parrothead Patrick Downey supported the preparation of the newsletter and contributed a great article in this edition. I would like to thank Patrick and we look forward to his future contributions.

Reminder—this is your Parrot Head Club! We need your hands, feathers and fins to run all the great events coming up. Don't be shy and talk to a crew member today.

## The Social Navigator

It's going to be a great year to be part of the Chicago Parrot Head Club. We have so many fun things planned already and more in the works. Stay tuned for all the details. Here are some highlights:

Shuckin' Shack One - Particular Thursday February 23 at 7 PM - Michael Shehan

Chicago Wolves Game February 25 – We will also have the opportunity to make blankets for the homeless prior to the game across the street from the arena. Watch for the invite and email with details. Sign up due by 2/20.

Madison Mallards Minor League Baseball Game June 10 - Save the date, more details to come

CPHC 30th Birthday Bash - September 16. Details will be sent out soon but we will be asking for some volunteers to help organize all the fun activities.

House Concerts as far as the ear can hear. Look at this list... Christopher Dale, Scott Kirby, Sunny Jim, and Drop Dead Dangerous Loaded are all confirmed so far. Details and dates will be sent out as soon as all the house locations are finalized.

*Nancy Schreiner—Social Director*



If you are interested in volunteering to join a committee, please send an email to [crew@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto: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.

CPHC 30th Birthday Bash in September - 2-3 volunteers are needed. We are going to raise the bar celebrating our Clubs 30th Birthday!!

**HELP KEEP THE PARTY GOING**

**JOIN A COMMITTEE**

**EMAIL [CREW@CHICAGOPARROTHEADS.COM](mailto:CREW@CHICAGOPARROTHEADS.COM)**

*It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad - JB*

## Happy Birth Day

Bob Endre 2/18  
Tom Tanton 2/18  
Haley Warren 2/23  
Steve Rosseutcher 2/27  
Matt Brewer 2/27  
Anne Dorminey 2/28  
David Kibitlewski 3/1  
Mickey Kappel 3/6  
Larry McLaughlin 3/9  
David Fogler 3/10  
Joe Sebek 3/11

Congrats and enjoy your ride  
around the sun!

## New Members

Welcome New Member  
Kaylee Pazdell!!!

## Membership Report *Cheryl Wegner - Membership*

Hey Phriends—

Roster to tal is currently at 151 members with more new members expected as concert season rolls around.

Welcome to our 3 new members this month and last month. Last month—Mike and Michelle Burback are avid super tailgaters and you many have seen them at Alpine. This month—Kaylee Pazdell, she is related to a couple of our members—gold star if you know who they are!

Mixer for March-Next month we'll have a fun social activity at our monthly meeting. If you're a new member and haven't made it to a meeting yet, this would be a great one. Remember to wear your name tags!

Stay tuned to club email for the launch of house concert tickets sales. (This is another really good reason to make sure you're receiving club emails through our google group. Notify Cheryl if you're not at [membership@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:membership@chicagoparrotheads.com))



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

Wishing love to all my Phreinds!

Please bring those singles on Wednesday as Kristin will be bringing in a wonderful treat, we can purchase slices of to raise funds for the Phreindship Fund!

Hopefully we will have a Phlock going to the Chicago Wolves game on the 25th where we will be volunteering before the game to make blankets for the homeless!



We will be collecting old Hawaiian shirts to donate to the laundry staff once again at Misericordia. Please bring any unwanted or old shirts to the meeting to be collected. Mahalo!!



The virtual 50/50 Raffle will be going live at the next meeting. We will have a button on the website to purchase tickets for the monthly raffle! This will open it up to more and hopefully increase the fundraising for our charities. So please pass the word!!!

Virtual 50/50 Rules:

Each ticket will be \$5 and anyone can purchase by going to the website and clicking the button. You will have a month to purchase tickets, which will start on the Meeting Wednesday February 15th.

Drawings will be at the monthly meeting March 15th. We will start the raffle for the next Drawing after the names have been pulled.

We will pull all the names of who purchased, and they will go into the drawing to be held live on Facebook at the meeting.

All names will be added to a wheel, we will randomize the name a few times and press the button to pick a winner.



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

## January Meeting Report *John Sheridan—Secretary*

### Hey There Fellow Parrot Heads

Congrats to Our very own Andy Flagler for being a guest DJ on Radio Margaretville's Fruitcake on the Radio!

Andy was on Radio Margaritaville for four days over the weekend and killed it.

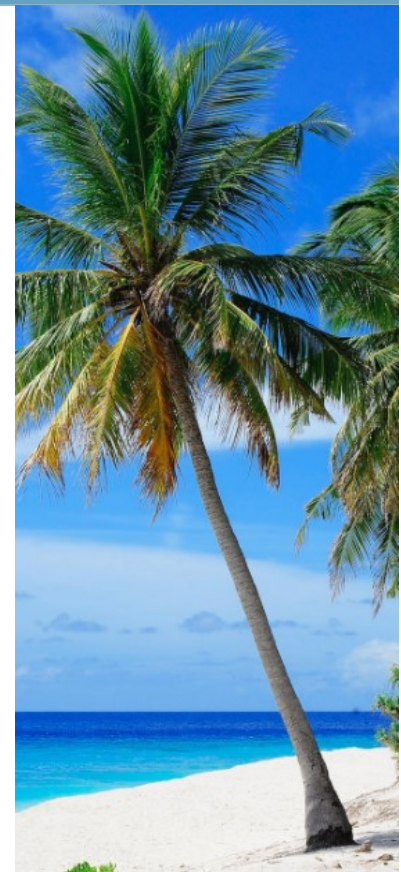
Cheryl told the audience that she sent out a "TEST" email and if you did not get one please let her know so she can add your name to our mailing group.



CPHC had 18 volunteers that helped out at the Food Bank. They set a record of 16,200 cereal packages put together by our group, which was 16 pallets.

Cheryl Wegner talked about the "Members Only Section" on our CPHC webpage. This will be where the financials and minutes will be posted. If you can't get in that contact Cheryl she will correct the problem.

Billy Brehm reported on MOTM and said it will be a total new look. Hotel rate will be cheaper than Key West. They are working with three hotels for some room rates. It will be in Gulf Shore this year. No details yet on who is playing. Ticket prices will be the same this year as last year, no increase. The Dates will be October 25th through October 29th.



Hang in there Parrotheads, Days are getting longer and temperatures warmer. Club events and Summer House Parties will be here soon. In the meantime, here are some memories of good times—for more pics check out the website





## Radio Margaritaville— February Fruitcake on the Radio, Chicago Parrot-head Andy Flagler—Reprinted from FB SiriusXM



Posted in FB in January by Sirius XM Radio Margaritaville— Tune in TOMORROW morning at 10 am ET to hear our new Fruitcake on the Radio/Guest DJ - Andrew Flagler from Chicago.

Andy Flagler, officially Andrew Todd Flagler (forever unconfirmed to be bloodline to Florida's Henry Flagler and the Florida East Coast Railroad) yet will always take advantage of the name when back in the sunshine state. It is my last name, and it never wears out!

Born in Chicago, migrated to Florida in high school, graduated from Auburn University.

Childhood nickname was Charlie Brown--because-- I never knew I walked like him due to a childhood back injury, having an oversized head, taking short steps while walking, and always being picked on as a kid. Once a friend videoed me, it was like HOLY SHIT! Glad I'm not bald or I would be him!!!

Car enthusiast obviously. The red chevy ragtop photo is my actual high school car --still in the family with brother Mark in Atlanta.

Big NASCAR fan, and fan of all 4-wheel racing actually. Designed and built a big rig for a NASCAR team in 2018 (photo)--and it's been hauling a Nascar trailer now for 5 years! I drove Big Red in high school, and now Big Red is a

fan favorite at the track every race weekend.

Favorite cocktail --anything with RUM.

Favorite bar in Key West ---too many to choose just one.

Bucket List trips still pending: Italy, Scotland, Spain

Most amazing event attended in person: The Masters --in Augusta GA. Heaven on earth for all golf fans!

Favorite JB concert --Wrigley Field with my two daughters on their first ever JB concert tour week -- covering 3 concerts in 6 days.

Most famous people I've ever met. Bo Jackson, Michael Jordan, "The King" Richard Petty, Comedian Jeff Foxworthy, and of course CMA Artist Matt McAnally!

Andy's played songs —Ragtop Day, Son of a son of a Sailor, Pirate looks at 40, One Particular Harbor

Interested in being a Fruitcake on the Radio? Fruitcakes on the Radio lets YOU be the DJ! This is your chance to show your love for Buffett's music and the tropical lifestyle, and dazzle your friends while you do it! Email [fruitcakes@siriusxm.com](mailto:fruitcakes@siriusxm.com) to enter to be a guest host, and include your name, city, and state.

**Radio**  
**MARGARITAVILLE**

## How Jimmy Buffet influenced me to join the Chicago Parrothead club - Patrick Downey

The story of how I learned who Jimmy Buffet was in 2010 when Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks brought the Stanley Cup to one of his shows. Patrick Kane is my favorite Chicago Blackhawks player, and he is a big Jimmy Buffet fan. I looked him up and the song that stuck with me was Cheeseburger in Paradise. That song just had it and was a tune I always listened to. Jimmy Buffet is a great singer and an icon in the music industry. I was glad that Patrick Kane likes his music.

Since then, Jimmy Buffet's music has always been great and is calming. To get to real story of how we joined the club, it all has to do with my wife Kathryn Downey. She wanted to join the Chicago Parrothead club back in 2019, but when COVID hit it that was put on hold. The Chicago Dogs an independent baseball team in Rosemont always have every year as a theme night Jimmy Buffet night. In 2021 we dressed up in matching outfits for the theme night and we ran into a couple of parrotheads Cheryl and Don Wegner of course. They said nice outfits will see you there.

They had a parade for Jimmy Buffet night before the game and of course my favorite song Cheeseburger In Paradise was being played. What a great feeling, my wife and I stood out in our outfits, and it was a great feeling that Cheryl and Don Wegner wanted us to join the club. We went to their tent, and we met Billy Brehm. We talked about joining and everyone said this is a great club to join and we both said we have to join. After that we went to a club meeting and joined in July 2021. They used to have their monthly meetings at HB Jones in Elmhurst. It now at Another Round Bar in Downers Grove. Everyone there was very welcoming and wanted to talk to us. We felt we belong in this club, and it was a great decision. Proud to be a Chicago Parrothead. Fins up!



### 2023 HOUSE CONCERT PARTIES!!

Looks like we kick off the House Concert season on May 20. Open to members, family and invited guests. Typically a small fee is collected for the band, BYOB, and dishes to share. Own chair and pop up canopy encouraged but there is always enough room and extras if you don't.

- 1) May 20-Christopher Dale at Don and Cheryl Wegners house in Downers Grove
- 2) June 30-Scott Kirby at Billy and Kristin's house in Franklin Park
- 3) July 9 -Mike Nash, looking for a venue
- 4) Charlie Imes-July 29, looking for a venue
- 5) August 4-Sunny Jim at Billy and Kristin's house in Franklin Park
- 6) August 27-Drop Dead Dangerous, Loaded at Don and Cheryl Wegner's house in Downers Grove

Hosting a house concert is fun, and the bonus is you don't have to drive home!! If you'd like to host one of these guys or you have questions about hosting a house concert, just contact the crew at [crew@chicagoparrothead.com](mailto:crew@chicagoparrothead.com)

Please note that despite all planning efforts, indicated dates, locations and artists are subject to change and/or cancellation .

## 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

### February

- 02-15: Club Meeting
- 02-23: Schukin Shack
- 02-25: Blanket Making before Game
- 02-25: Wolves Game

### March

- 03-15: Club 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 Jon Kotrba no later than the first Friday of the month at [jon@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto: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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