



February 2018

Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

One hundred tenth entry: February 21, 2018

I hope this bunch of lubbers are done with all the mushy face, candle lit, schmoopy nonsense for St. Valentine so we can finally get this ship back on track! Thar be a couple of big things ahead, and once we straighten our instruments and turn her around, we have smooth sailing ahead. But we have no time for... romance... that's all we need is seamen spilling out on the decks, exhausted and out of breath, barely able to get up again. Try as we might to raise the sails, all they wanna do is get a sandwich! How do ye expect to treat her like a lady when we can't even get one fathom deep? But I have faith in me crews. Take a nap, give the lines a pull, plan the next passage, and let's get a proper waterline. Next be the Port o' New Orleans, ye will surely get paid, enjoy a margarita or a hurricane, and may even get lei'd. Happy Mardi Gras!

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King



Billy Brehm

Our Pirate King

What's a Mardi Gras party without a King Cake?

Mardi Gras and king cakes go hand in hand – especially in New Orleans where hundreds of thousands of king cakes are enjoyed at parties, offices and in homes every year.

According to the Christian faith, Jesus first showed himself to the three wise men and to the world on January 6th, also known as Twelfth Night or the Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" is from the Greek word "to show." This is the day Mardi Gras season – hence king cake season – begins.

Each king cake has a tiny baby inside (generally plastic now, but it's possible the baby might be made of porcelain or even gold). The lucky person who receives the slice of cake with the baby has the next king cake party (or brings the next cake for the office).

Originally, king cakes were a simple ring of dough with a small amount of decoration. After the rich dough is braided and baked, the top of the cake is covered with delicious sugar toppings in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. In more recent years, many bakeries have been creative, topping their cakes with different flavors of cream cheese and fruit fillings and offering them in various shapes.



Social Navigators

Yo-Ho Cheryl & Flip Flop Dave

Summertime...

And the livin' is easy..

Party with a Purpose

Chicago Parrothead Events:



March 25th: Chicago Wolves Game 5:00 o'clock P.M. Allstate Arena

We are working on group tickets for a Chicago Wolves Game in Rosemont. The tickets will be in the 20 dollar range. There will be a site set up for this event where you can purchase tickets directly through the Chicago Wolves for the Chicago Parrot Head event. We will all be seated in the same area. More information coming soon!

April 14th : Navy Pier Spring Thaw Crawl. 11:00 A.M. Navy Pier. Come join the Chicago Parrotheads and we roam the pier, enjoy some fantastic company, and a drink or two....or three...or four! This is a simple crawl, as all of the locations are right inside Navy Pier...just a hop, skip or jump away from the other stops. We would like to stand out as a group, so we ask you to wear your Parrothead best. The pier opens at 10 A.M. and Billy Goat serves breakfast even earlier than that! Margaritaville: 11:00-12:30, Harry Carray's: 12:35-1:35, Tiny Tavern/ BMK Burger Bar (They are both in the same area of the food court) 1:40-2:40, Billy Goat Tavern: 2:45-3:45, Riva: 3:50- 4:50

Tips:

- 1) Carpooling brings down the cost of parking
- 2) If you want to eat at the pier before the crawl, The Billy Goat Tavern opens early
- 3) Leave your coat in the car in the parking garage
- 4) You can pay for parking at the machines inside right after you park in order to avoid lines later on in the day

For those concerned about parking costs: There are alternate parking lots close to Navy Pier available through ParkWhiz and Spot Hero. I see parking lots less that 1/2 mile away. There is also public transit and carpooling to bring down costs.

Not Official Parrot Head Events, but Fun Stuff

Get Your Irish on, Parrotheads!!!

March 3rd: 9th Annual Oak Forest Fleadh on Cicero Avenue between 151st Street and 159th Street. The Fleadh includes a 5K run/walk, an open streets event (ride, blade, skate), a family parade, and a pub and restaurant open house. Blarney Stone offers a traditional Irish Breakfast.

March 10: Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade. Noon. Intersection of Wilson Street & Spring Roads & continue North on Spring Road in Elmhurst.

March 11th: Southside Irish Parade. Noon. On Western Ave between 103rd and 115th street. South Side Chicago.

March 17th: 10:00 A.M. Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and River Dying. (River at 10... Parade at Noon)

March 16th-17th : Gaelic Storm at the House of Blues Chicago Doors open at 7:30

Local Music

Todd Donnelly

Feb 22 – Bahama Breeze, Schaumburg, IL

Feb 23 – Tailwinds Distillery, Plainfield, IL

Flip Flop Dave

Mar 2 – Doc's Victory Pub, Elmhurst, IL

Mar 3 – City Lights Brewing Co., Milwaukee, WI

Mar 16 – Pheasant Run, St Charles, IL

Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band

Mar 11 – Johnny & Mike Duo - Chaney Progressive Club, Crest Hill, IL

Mr. Myers

Mar 4 – Music On The Bay Festival, Tampa, FL

South of Disorder

Apr 6 – Austin's Fuel Room, Libertyville, IL

Pirates Over 40

No dates listed

Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Welcome to the land of the frozen.

Tick toc is the clock ticking to spring. It sure seems to moving very slow or is it just me. Thank goodness for are two social directors for keeping the winter chill away and planning fun things to do around town. Cheryl and Dave you both are doing a great job.



We have a few new members to welcome to our little Phamily

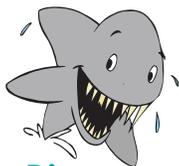
- Jim & Sue Mahoney
- Lynn & Randy Carlson
- Kimberly McInerney & Dennis Hanson
- Greg Wages & Julie Perhay
- Charlotte Eltoft & Joe Mack
- Steve Majerus
- Eric Przybylski & Jennifer Przybylski



A big Shout out to those " Growing old but not up"

Dawn Marek	Feb 21	Keelin Murphy	March 6
Haley Warren	Feb 23	Larry McLaughlin	March 9
Anne Dorminey	Feb 28	Flip Flop Dave	March 10
Ken Lowe	Feb 28	Kristi Moen	March 10
David Kibitlewski	March 1	Joe Sebek	March 11
50/50 Guy Kurt Rubin	March 3	Pat Stefan	March 16
Maurine Siegel	March 3	Danny Noonan	March 20
Kathy Kappel	March 6	Jim Mahoney	March 20
Chi Chi Skopek	March 6		
Debbie Jordan	March 6		

Enjoy your day and celebrate like a rock star



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The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

Mr. Give Until It Hurts — Bob Noonan



Newsletter for February 2018

Once again our Club has helped make someone else's life better. We collected 50 gently used Hawaiian/camp shirts for the residents of Misericordia. As always they are very grateful and want me to say "thank-you" to everyone who donated.

I have been contacted again by Misericordia to work Candy Days on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28th; maybe the snow will be melted by then. In case you are not familiar with Candy Days, we stand on street corners around the Chicago area distributing Jelly Belly jelly beans in exchange for donations that benefit the 600 children and adults at Misericordia. We supply the manpower, they supply the Jelly Belly candy, tags, collection cans and aprons. We dress up in our finest/wildest Parrot Head attire and hit the street corner in Elmhurst, next to HD Jones, where we have our monthly meetings.

Our Club will be collecting at March's meeting for our four legged friends. Joe Sebek (our Club member) has been doing dog rescue for many years and has asked for a helping hand. He is involved in a group call Mobile Mutts and is asking for our support. He is in need of collars, leashes, puppy pads, towels (don't need to be high quality), puppy food and adult dog food. They try to feed the dogs grain free and chicken free food; they avoid Beneful and Ol'Roy brands. Please bring your donation to the March meeting.

As you may have heard, the Alzheimer's Walk in Chicago will be on Sunday, October 28, 2018. It's later in the year but we will be up for the challenge – great way to get the MOTM party started!!

MOTM starts October 31st thru November 4th in Key West, FL. Registration is now open and of course yours truly has already registered.

Bob Noonan (AKA—Mayor of MOTM)
Charity Director, Chicago Parrott Head Club
Board Member – Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter



Renee Fliss-Secretary



Teresa Carter -Treasurer



Joe Klen-Communications Director

The Chicago Parrot Head club is a Not For- Profit organization whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs and to provide for its members a means of social interaction for people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. Any general questions regarding our club, contact

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The Chicago Parrot Head Club newsletter is a monthly publication. If you have any information on an upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Joe Klen - No later than the second Friday of the month.

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SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018
TIME: TBD
LOCATION: ROSELLE, IL



Taco Truck



Music



CINQUENTA DE MARCO (MARK'S 50TH!)

