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Return of the TailGREAT!

AS Buffett returns to the venue in Tinley Park on Saturday June 30 the Chicago Parrot Head Club is happy to announce – The Return of TailGREAT! TailGreat will be held starting at 11 a.m. at Carlson Spring Woods, located at 143rd and Oak Park Avenue. (Mapquest and yahoo Maps seem to have a debate as to if this is Oak Forest or Crestwood) but either way it is few miles North of First Midwest Amphitheatre.

For a mere \$10 Per Person – the club will provide food cooked on the grill, entertainment by Frank Whiting, Port a Potties and whatever other Parrot Head Fun we can think of. You need to bring your Tailgating spirit and parrot-phenalia, your own beverages and a side dish or desert to share. The fun will start between Grills will be going from 11:30 until 3:30 and people can wrap up in time to take in some of the traditional parking lot festivities.

Karen & Dan Boylan will be captaining this ship, so please let them know if you will be attending and more importantly – if you are able to help out for the day – we need some runners to the grocery store, a few people to get there early and secure picnic tables and of course some chefs behind the grill. Most importantly, if anyone has a small generator that we can use for Frank that would help!

Please try to RSVP in advance and let us know if you will be bringing guests. We want to make sure we have enough fun for all.



Captain's Logbook

Forty-second Entry: May 16, 2012

Welcome Ye all to the merry month O' May! Why be merry? WHY NOT! Being in May means we be right near the warmer climes we desire. Bare feet and boat drinks, long days and longer nights! Remember that fine line between Saturday night and Sunday morning? As we get excited about the upcoming Tailgreat and concerts, let's not forget to gather around our charities and help the environment a little, and start signing up for the walks! We arrrrrh on track to have our best year yet in giving to charity, so let's see what we can pull together the whole year! But.....we arrrrrh a social clan first. Let the party begin!

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King



Houses of Charity: The Massachusetts Humane Society (1789), the first lifesaving service in the United States, erected huts-known as charity, refuge, or Humane Houses- at strategic locations along the coast to shelter shipwrecked sailors cast ashore on uninhabited beaches. Each of these huts was 8 feet square by 7 feet high, with a sliding door on the South side, a sliding shutter on the west, and a 15 foot flagpole on the east side at the top. Inside was a bench upon which to sit or lie and a pile of straw to keep the mariner warm while he prayed for help to arrive. Some houses also contained a lantern filled with sperm oil, a small stove, dry firewood, kindling chips, matches, a hatchet, a can of hardtack, and a jug of fresh water. Later, when the U.S. Lifesaving Service took over from the Humane Society, many of the charity houses became Halfway Houses, so-called because they were situated halfway between the main stations.

You have to go out, and that's a fact.

Nothin' says, you have to come back,

~informal code of the old U.S. Lifesaving Service



The Social Whirl

Greetings from your Cruise Director

Below are some of upcoming socials for the club. Please watch your email for our yahoo group updates and the club Facebook page for last minute updates. And as summer comes please let us know if there is any spontaneous fun breaking out by emailing ChicagoParrotHeads@yahoo.com

Karen Boylen Cruise Director

Official Club Social: Friday May 18th - A Double Header and NO BASEBALL is involved.

Frank Whiting's full band Local Favorite is playing at Taste of Glen Ellyn from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Taste of Glen Ellyn is being held in the Main St. Parking lot, next to Geisha Shoes at 400 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn. One mile north of Roosevelt Rd and just South of the Glen Ellyn - Metra Stop. Frank was the Happy Hour performer at this year's Party In Parodies. And if 7:30 is too early for you to pack up your fins and head home... well we have two more PIP entertainers performing nearby. From 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jay & Bobby from South of Disorder will be performing at PJ Flemings Absolutely Delicious, located at 18 N. Cass Avenue in Westmont. This is a great little restaurant with a nice beer garden and while it is small the Parrot Heads have found a way to squeeze in some dance space on our previous visit. And for city dwellers this too is located just steps from the Westmont Metra Stop.

Friday June 1, Mr. Myers at Flip Flop Tike Bar in Carol Stream.

Todd is playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Flip Flops Tike Bar 1022 Fountain view Dry, Carol Stream, IL. Dee Troop will go early to hold tables but could use some company.

Official Club Social: Friday June 15. Buffett Night Kane Count Cougars

Barb Siemen has offered to run this event.....and has tickets set aside for us. Mr. Myers will play at 5:30, and then the game and then fireworks set to Buffett Music. Tickets on the third base side are \$9.50. Deadline for tickets is TONIGHT - the May meeting.....as Barb needs to give a final count to the Cougars very soon. For More Info Contact Barb at siegman823@att.net

Another Epic (but in a different way) House Party Saturday June 23

The amazing Liz & Jim Whaley are preparing another Musical treat for us. Saturday June 23rd they are opening their home and backyard to more fabulous trop rock artists. A triple bill of Hugo Duarte, Jack Mosely and Kelly McGuire will perform on the Whaley patio. Details are still being ironed out but if you want to attend you will need to RSVP to Jim Whaley Whaleyj5@comcast.net or cell phone 630-816-1483. Payments should be sent to Jim Whaley 360 Eggleston, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Tuesday June 26 Tropixplosion – Downers Grove

Tropixplosion is one of the area's newest bands. TROPIXPLOSION is a Caribbean show band that features Steel Drums, incredible percussion, great vocals, Blue Man-style performance pieces, and more high-energy fun. In essence, the ultimate Island party. But much more than the standard Steel Drum band, they play an amazing variety of music as well – not only your tropical favorites, but many reggae classics and pop/rock party songs re-arranged to feel like the Islands. New hits, classic rockers, and many other surprises, all performed with an exotic twist! Meg Thomas is an amazing conga and percussion player. Many members of this band were formerly with OD TAPO IMI. They will be plying in Fischel Park Bandshell just off Main Street in Downers Grove.

Friday June 29 – Buffett Concert Kick Off Party – 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park

115 bourbon is more than a bar it is Cajun Restaurant, Sports Bar, Dance Club, Concert Hall and one of the South Side's largest Beer Gardens all rolled into one. And on Friday June 29 they are having a Concert Kickoff Party with South of Disorder. The event is located at 115th and Kedzie Ave.

Saturday July 7, More Baseball Schaumburg Boomers...Jimmy Buffett Night

New members Karen and Mark Evinger are offering to host up a pre-game picnic and coordinate this outing. They live just a few minutes from the stadium - even within biking distances. Tickets are \$7 for Lawn Seats (Bring your own blankets or chairs) or \$10 for a stadium seat. Once we know your interest in attending we will confirm what seats and ordering details. we are getting. The first 1,500 fans get a beach towel. So let the new Karen or I (the old Karen).....know if you are interested in attending.....



Charity Report

As many of you are aware, we had our annual Misericordia Candy Day on April 28, 2012. The rain held off but it was rather cool. Notwithstanding the weather, we kept things "heated up" on the corners of Butterfield and Finley with our crazy Parrot Head attire and playing in traffic. We had 22 of our Club members cover the four corners from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, collecting \$2,437.00 for Misericordia. I would like to thank the following people for their time and talent: Kelly Piech, Bob McAllister, Mike Gilante, Jim Farrell, Jenny Marren, Steve Tuttle, Jeff Smith, Paul and Jen Perkins, Rob and Julie Fitzpatrick, Joe Klien, Matt Goetz, Tami Casey, Doreen Warner, Doreen's daughter Kori and her boyfriend Jori, Brian and Cindy Kautz, Kurt Rubin and me, your Charity Director, Bob Noonan. The next time you see these people, please give a big "Thanks" for helping the Chicago Parrot Head Club and Misericordia on a very cold Saturday. We did warm up afterwards at Cheese Burger in Paradise in Downers Grove. Over the last few years, we raised the following amounts for Misericordia Candy Days.

2010 \$2,530.00
 2011 \$1,645.00
 2012 \$2,437.00

Member News

Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers. As we swing into summer and plant our gardens and flowers to spruce up the outside we think of concerts and outdoor fun. The club has a lot planned for us this season concerts tailgreet, highway cleanup which is done all ready. What did you find? sorry to miss the stuff on Saturdays but the life of work gets in the way. Enjoy the first month of spring summer and get out and find the vitamin D that we missed all winter. Dust off the flip flops and shorts and enjoy yourselves....

A big shout out to those growing older but not up!!!!
 Last month I missed

Karen Levang-Evinger May 13
 Mark Evinger May 18
 Sorry about that

In the Fall, we are involved with two big events every year – the Walk to End Alzheimer's and Misericordia Family Fest. Fortunately, or unfortunately, these two big events happen on the same day, Sunday, September 9, 2012. The Walk is the morning and Family Fest is in the afternoon, so you can either make a full or a half day of Party with a Purpose. Club members have already signed up to be part of the Club's Parrot Head Team walking to end Alzheimer. If you'd like to join, please go on line to www.alz.org/illinois and sign up to walk and/or donate. Look to our web site for more information on these and other upcoming events.

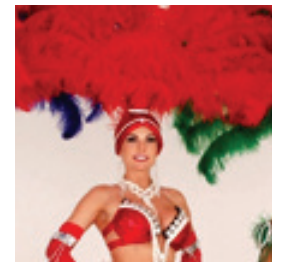


Bob Noonan
 Mr. Give Until
 It Hurts

It's never too early to plan – MOTM 2012 is being held in Key West, November 1 – 4, 2012. Many of us have already registered for this wonderful "phlocking" of the Parrot Head nation from all around the country. Registration is limited to the first 3,500 Parrot Heads, so go on line and reserve your spot for a wild time in Key West; many more details to come.

Bob Noonan
 Charity Director

Rick Kleinman	May 22
Don Rich	May 29
Joe Boucher	May 30
Jeremy Biros	May 30
Nanette Gaines	June 5
Bev Kleinman	June 8
Tom Carter	June 9
Bob Noonan	June 9
Don Crimmin	June 10
Sheila Vanek	June 10
Kelly Piech	June 12
Tom Driessen	June 20



Vicki Kerr
 Membership Diva

All of you enjoy your special day.



Yahoooooooo! Keep up on all the club happenings.

It has come to the crew's attention not everyone may be familiar with our Yahoo Group. The Yahoo Group is closed group for only members of the Chicago Parrot Head Club, it allows us to share club related info and activities. If you provided an email address on your membership application, you should have received an invite to join. If you are not receiving emails and would like to please let the crew know.

To send message just address an email to ChicagoParrotHeads@yahoogroups.com. If you are replying to a message on the list hitting REPLY will send a message to the sender only, while REPLY ALL will message the entire group.

To help protect all from getting spammed or virus there are a few precautions in place.

- The list does not forward on attachments or embedded images. If you get an email with HTML formatting (looks like a flyer or web page) only the text will come through not the fancy fonts, graphics or colors.
- Emails are moderated, so once the email is sent it goes into a que to be approved. Moderators are alerted via email that a message needs approving and most of us are on email frequently so usually messages are not held up more than an hour or two. This is not for censorship and messages and even opposing opinions are welcome. The moderators basically make sure the messages are not spam or something they appears to be intended as a personal message.
- This email list is not shared with anyone outside the club or sold for advertising.
- Only moderators can read the entire email addresses. Others will see only a portion of the address but clicking on the link or hitting reply will allow you to message another member.

Sometimes the list has no activity for a week or two. Usually there are one or two emails a day. Occasionally several things will come up in one day or maybe a message stirs up many replies. If you have signed up and do not see emails check your spam folder. Emails from the club will usually be from original and the Subject will read [Chicago Parrot Head] followed by the subject.

A log of past emails, files to be shared, and settings to your email delivery can be accessed from Yahoo Groups Page. The easiest way to access the groups page or change your setting can be found in links on the very bottom of every Yahoo Group email.

A final note the yahoo group offers several settings to change the amount of email you will get.

Options include

- Regular email
- Daily Digest – all messages are combined into a single email and sent to you the same time every day.
- Special Alerts – Moderators or senders would need to mark a message urgent and only those would be forwarded to you.
- No Email – email is not sent but you can log in directly to the group page and read them.

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Calendar of Events

May 18	Club Social	Taste of Glen Ellyn	Local Favorites
June 1	Music	Flip Flop Tiki Bar	Mr Myers
June 15	Club Social	Kane County Cougars	Mr. Myers
June 23	House Party	Jim Whaley's House (limited tickets available)	Hugo Duarte, Jack Mosely, Kelly McGuire
June 26	Music	Downers Grove	Tropixpolosion
June 29	Concert Prep	Bourbon Street	Buffett Concert Kickoff
July 7	Baseball & Buffett	Schaumburg	Jimmy Buffett Night with the Schaumburg Boomers

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