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Chicago Parrot Head News



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From the Captain's Chair

Captains Logbook

One hundred fifty-ninth entry:

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Cead Mile Failte! Tis the season to celebrate the coming of Spring, the changing of the clocks, and to raise a pint and a dram with friends. With this comes the excitement of new opportunities and the fun that comes with a new year! Registration to join the Summer Chi.ill festivities is in full swing and already a third sold out after only a few weeks. On the heels of this will be making yer mark to attend the fleet heading to Key West! I can't say I be privy to certain information about this event, but I am! Ye may not want to miss this year. If ye have been waiting for the chance to attend, you may want to make this the year. We shall also be checking the charts and navigating for future Meeting of the Mind events, so be prepared to help us chart the course. Until then, it be time to remember St. Patrick with a stout and a whiskey. Slainte... Y'All!

Billy Brehm, the Pirate King



Billy Brehm
Our Pirate King



PHIP President



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7 Surprising Facts about St. Patrick's Day!

1. **The Real St. Patrick Was Born in Britain:** Much of what is known about St. Patrick's life has been interwoven with folklore and legend. Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

2. **There Were No Snakes Around for St. Patrick to Banish from Ireland:** Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record. And water has surrounded Ireland since the last glacial period. Before that, the region was covered in ice and would have been too cold for the reptiles.

3. **Leprechauns Are Likely Based on Celtic Fairies:** The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

4. **The Shamrock Was Considered a Sacred Plant:** The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the "seamroy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

5. **The First St. Patrick's Day Parade Was Held in America:** While people in Ireland had celebrated St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in America and actually predates the founding of the United States. Records [show](#) that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 17.

6. **The Irish Were Once Scorned in America:** While Irish Americans are now proud to showcase their heritage, the Irish were not always celebrated by fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a [devastating potato blight](#) caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. While approximately 1 million perished, another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest-single population movement of the 19th century. Most of the exiles—nearly a quarter of the Irish nation—came to the shores of the United States. Once they arrived, the Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

7. **Corned Beef and Cabbage Was an American Innovation:** The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and cabbage—was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the [slums of lower Manhattan](#) in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in [China](#). The Irish would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.

Social Navigator

Party with a Purpose



When spring hits Chicagoland it's definitely something to celebrate. I can't wait to get out and about with my Parrothead Phriends! The crew is brainstorming to get some fun events on our calendar. If you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them...just shoot an email to crew@chicagoparrotheads.com

Wolves Hockey Game (against the Milwaukee Admirals) - April 2nd—7:00pm

Allstate Arena in Rosemont—Ticket Purchase - \$18.50

www.chicagoparrotheads.com or <https://fevo.me/chiparrothead>

SIP Win Bar - Saturday, April 9th @ 12:00 PM, 17424 South Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park IL

See Charity page section for details

Save the Date April 10th Hollywood Palms - Movie Date

Save the date—Stay tuned as plans are being formulated.

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Chicago Parrot Head Club 2021 Golden Coconut Award

Winning Essay By: Andrew Flagler



Membership news from Pirate Diva Vicki, Arrr...



Greetings from your new Membership Director.

Welcome to our new members:

Jenilyn Willocks
Sarah Brenner
Matt Brenner



We hope to meet you soon! Make sure to let us know when you're attending your first event. You can email me at membership@chicagoparrotheads.com



Happy Birthday to the following members:

March

Jim Mahoney 3/20
John Pachuta 3/21
Maddie Batke 3/22
Tami Casey 3/22
Michael Vanta 3/22
Peg Rossdeutcher 3/25
Pete Maffia 3/27
Johnny Russler 3/27

April

Cheryl Kuropas 4/6
Neil Compton 4/8
Patti Jo Lemke 4/11
Mike Metcalf 4/11
Joe Klen 4/12
Julie Kutrba 4/14
Mike Wallin 4/16
Jeanette Hagen 4/16
Dennis Meade 4/17
Bernard Fliss 4/20

We're planning another club meeting mixer for April, similar to the super fun one we did last November. You'll definitely want to attend the April meeting to get to know our new members (and existing members) a little better. Have you got a fun idea for a mixer activity? Please let me know at membership@chicagoparrotheads.com

I'm looking into a source for club flags for our members to purchase. Remember when we had the car flags....that was so fun for tailgating events! I'm also pricing 3 x 5 flags that are great to decorate hotel room balconies, house concerts, group photos and more. Watch for more information soon on the flags..I'll be taking a poll to see how many are interested.

Cheryl Wegner
Membership Director
membership@chicagoparrotheads.com



The Pirate Hood - Charity Page

CheryLock Holmes...



Saturday, April 9th @ 12:00 PM - SIP Win Bar, 17424 South Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park IL
Join us at SIP Wine Bar in Tinley Park as we support a one of our local animal shelter (TBD).

The Chicago Parrothead Club is renting out a small room at SIP Wine Bar. We are limited to 32 people. If you would like to attend, please go to our website and RSVP. First come, first served and space is limited. **YOU MUST RSVP AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKET ONLINE TO ATTEND!** The cost to hold a seat will be \$5.00. SIP Wine Bar will be donating 10% of our total purchase as a club back to the animal shelter we choose! Please visit the club website for the reservation and payment button.

SIP Wine Bar has:

- 69 wines on tap for self service tastings.
- Beer, canned cocktails, seltzers and more.
- Small plate food and charcuterie platters.

A small group of parrot heads went to SIP several weeks ago. (Hey, we had to do recon to make sure that it was a good place to go!) Our group absolutely loved SIP! SIP is set up in a way that allows you to try different types of wines... from celebrity wines like Zac Brown and Snoop Dogg...to more expensive bottles that you would never want to buy a whole bottle of just to try. You can pour yourself 1 oz to 8 oz of any of the wines they have.

If you don't drink wine, there are plenty of other choices! Our group had people drinking beer, hard liquor, mixed drinks, and seltzers! You can also just get food and a pop if you don't feel like day drinking :) The food was amazing, and we had a great time. The venue even put on Jimmy Buffett music for us! Hope to see you there!

<https://sipselvservewinebar.com/>

Cherylock-Holmes
Appointed Charity Director

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Julie Hardesty -Secretary



Mike LaGioia -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

billy@chicagoparrotheads.com -or- write us at CPHC, PO Box 624, Franklin Park, IL. 60131

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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