



# Chicago Parrot Head News

Well, it seems a bit of love and lust are in the air, Happy Valentines Day everyone!

Heads up – our house concert season is just around the corner, and this year’s lineup promises another summer packed with music and merriment. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and keep an eye on the club’s website and Facebook page for details on schedules, dates, times, and locations. If you’re interested in sponsoring one of these events at your house, please contact Cheryl Wegner.



The Chicago group did a great job at pillaging and plundering (basically taking over) the Barefoot event down in Indiana a couple weekends ago. Congratulations to Jennie Watkins (our Phriendship Fund Chair) as she took first place in the "Shot Contest" event. Her Mai Tai shots were served out of hollowed out lemons and limes, and her tiki bar set up was spectacular... a big shout out to Jennie and all the other club members who attended that event.

Hope everyone has their poochies (AKA Paczki) and King Cakes ordered for Fat Tuesday and the Mardi Gras Festivities... eating, drinkin' and debauchery!



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!

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Bob Endre 2/18  
Tom Tanton 2/18  
Michelle Bernardon 2/21  
Haley Warren 2/23  
Braden Hajer 2/23  
Steve Rossdeutcher 2/27  
Anne Dorminey 2/28  
Renaë Wegner 2/29  
Allison Watson 4/3  
Ann MacArtney 4/4  
John McIntyre 4/4  
Marie Coglianesè 4/4  
Cheryl Kuropas 4/6  
Vicki Boelter 4/8  
Neil Compton 4/8  
Mike Metcalf 4/11  
Joe Klen 4/12  
Julie Kotrba 4/14  
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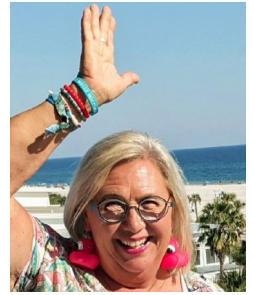


## Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership

Let's welcome our newest member, Kat Deitz. Hope to meet you soon Kat!

Our roster sits at 164 members right now, and typically a surge of renewals when MOTM registration opens up.



## House Concerts

Catch Boomer Blake & Q! Feb. 22 Let's fill the house for our good friends Boomer and Q!

Experience the vibrant sounds of Boomer Blake's songwriting and Quentin Leverick's masterful percussion, blending elements of rock, reggae, country, and more.



This is an invitation only, private show for members of the Chicago Parrothead Club and their friends and family.

Boomer Blake and Quentin Leverick

Saturday February 22, 2025

At the home of Don and Cheryl Wegner

Downers Grove, IL (exact address provided after pre payment)

5pm Doors open

5 30 pm dinner

6-9 pm music

Dessert served at intermission

Dinner will be served; Tossed Salad, Rolls, Pasta w/Vodka sauce, Meatballs, Homemade Dessert

BYOB – bring your favorite drink. Ice and cups provided

Seating provided

\$40 total includes dinner and the \$25 suggested donation to the artists

Pre pay your donation to hold your seat. Paypal, Venmo, or check

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Questions to Cheryl at [cherylwegner9@gmail.com](mailto:cherylwegner9@gmail.com)

Quick FYI: Tickets are transferable but not refundable. Contact Cheryl with any dietary restrictions)

## House Concerts continued...



This is an invitation only, private show for members of the Chicago Parrothead Club and their friends and family.  
Bob Karwin and Scott Southworth  
March 9, 2025

At the home of Cheryl and Don Wegner  
Downers Grove, IL (full address provided after donation is received)

\$40 total covers brunch and the \$25 suggested donation to the artists.  
This is a BYOV (bring your own vodka) Sunday Brunch with Bloody Mary Bar!  
BYOB for anything you'd like to drink after brunch  
Water provided

11 am doors open  
12-1 pm brunch  
1 pm live music

[Click here to prepay your donation \\$40 \(link\)](#)

Bob Karwin is a former Trop rock music Association entertainer of the year. He has written several trop rock classics, including Sand Dollar Millionaire, Alan (The Taxi Man) and I'm With the Band. Hailing from San Diego, Bob brings the beach to every song he sings.

Scott Southworth is a Nashville based songwriter/Indie Artist that tours across the U.S. and Europe. He has recently headlined music festivals in Norway, France, Spain, Germany, Ireland and New Zealand.

Scott released his first Hillbilly Trop Rock CD, "Only Dead Fish Go With The Flow" in June 2024. He is excited to ride Bob's coattails for as long as Bob continues to take his calls.  
Join us for an afternoon of amazing entertainment!

June 14  
Watch for more information about Dan Sullivan coming all the way from Texas!

June 29, 2025

Look for an afternoon of great fun with Two Dudes in Flip Flops. To know them is to love them...as we've seen them perform at Barefoot Children in the Sand. This will be more than a simple house concert, it's an alumni party for Chicago Parrothead Club members (and their families and friends!) for all past and present members! More news to follow...but get this one on your calendar now!



The Pirate Hood— Charity Page *Cheryl Kuropas—Charity Director*  
February Charity



50-50 Raffle

March 8th: Saint Baldrick's Event at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park. Pete Tomczuk is a newer member to our club, but he has been supporting Saint Baldrick's for 18 years!



We are phlocking to support one of our own members as he continues to be a "Crusader for a Cure"! What does that mean? It means: Be it known to all that this participant has dedicated at least fifteen years of service to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, helping kids with cancer throughout the land.

The Saint Baldrick's charity event is at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park on March 8th

The link to Pete's page is on our Facebook Page, and I will send out an email as well with the link.

If you are unfamiliar with Saint Baldrick's, here is their mission statement:

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives

P.S. If you have never been to 115 Bourbon Street, come on out to see a Southside institution! 115 Bourbon Street is a favorite of the fire and police officers in the area. They host a TON of charity events throughout the year, and are very generous. Come on out to support not only Pete and Saint Baldricks, but also this very deserving venue!



# The Social Navigator

Winter is still in full swing, but that doesn't mean we can't still have those tropical vibes. Be sure to join us for our upcoming House Concerts. These are a MUST-see artists who don't come through town often.

2/22 - First House concert of the year brings Boomer Blake, out of NJ and Quentin Lev-erick, from MI. Come enjoy the sounds of rock, reggae, country, and more.

3/8 - Saint Baldrick's Phlocking to help support our new phamily member Pete Tomczuk

3/9 - Bob Karwin and Scott Southworth. This will be another indoor house concert with limited seating, by invitation only for Parrothead club members and their friends and family. Email with details coming soon.

3/29 - It's a 3:30 pm SHARP departure from Old Town Pour House, Oak Brook Center. Hop on the Chicago Parrothead Club's private bus and enjoy your professionally lead Gangster Tour! Bus Games, Free Bus Drinks, Gangster sites, Chicago Pizza and Oven Grinder (dinner not included) and to top it all off, The Gatsby Speakeasy! Only 29 seats available (Full disclosure: if we don't fill the bus, we can't go, so in that case we'll refund everyone's money}

<https://form.jotform.com/250412745207147>

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If you 'd like to host or you have questions about hosting a house concert, just contact the crew at crew@chicagoparrotheads.com

We had a full house phlocking for the Chicago Wolves game. Looks like it was a phun time.



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director



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## *Recording Secretary - John Sheridan*

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 15,2025

CHICAGO PARROTHEADS CLUB MEETING

LOCATION: ANOTHER ROUND

In attendance were, President Joe Klen, Secretary- John Sheridan, Social Director -Nancy Schriener, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney and Communications Director- Mario Armas and Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director. Absent: Cheryl Kuropas- Charity Director and Communications Director- Mario Armas



President Joe Klen started the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Joe thanked AnotherRound for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings here. And also, along those same lines, I thank our two servers Gigi and Ryan, so please remember again when your bill comes.

And a couple of other quick thanks. Thanks to Jeannie again for all the cookies. Thank you so much, and thank you to all those that are watching out in streamline. And lastly, Patrick for the newsletter.

All right, a couple of quick other announcements. Make sure you check our website. There's a lot of things happening pretty quick. We just actually completed our quarterly type of crew meeting.

So, there's a lot of events that we're kind of trying to engage and put forth. I think right now, we have titles on the dates and stuff that we think we're going to be doing these things. Some of them are filled in with the descriptions, and some are forthcoming. But along those lines, we have quite a few house concerts coming up too, and we are still looking for people who are interested in possibly hosting, you know, some of the performers that are coming to town. So, if you have the area, you have the room and you're interested, please talk to Cheryl Wegner, she's the one that will try to coordinate all that information.

We still have 50/50. It's still going to be live, probably for about another 20 minutes or so, and so everybody that's here or again at home in your nice, cozy chair, feel free to go ahead and sign up for that winner. Kathy stated, the pot is up to about \$175 for the winners.

Joe stated they just recently met with the Go Explore Us Group, which is the management system for the state parks around the area, like the Illinois beach, State Park the star of rock and white planes. We're trying to kick things off, as far as you know, securing our date for 2026 for chill and, get the contract going, making sure that prices don't increase too much, if at all. We were really surprised, because they seemed as excited for us to do the chill of 2026 as we were there trying to see if they still wanted us.

## *Recording Secretary continued....*

They have a Jimmy Buffett night once a year or Starved Rock. And so now, what they did, they actually asked us what dates we wanted that may, you know, be somewhat convenient for us as a group to go down, and then they would actually make that date. It's open to the public for one night. It would be like a Friday night, a Saturday night, one of those two. I guess the rooms there sell out really quick. But given that we give them a date, they would reserve a few blocks, I don't know how many you know, obviously it depends on the date, but they would actually provide that to us for a discount. So, you would call in, identify yourself as a Chicago Parrothead, and they'd get you a pretty good discounted rate. I think it was like \$140 or something. So again, what we want to do is try to at least start, you know that relationship. See who might be interested in doing that. Cheryl Wenger stated they have dinner theater.

I think she's going to have something on Facebook, please put it out, and then we could tell them, and, you know, they could start planning it, whether it's a handful of people, or whether it's a dozen or two, that would be, that would be great to go down there and try to take advantage of that.

And then they also have things out there too that they're again, trying to get us to go to. They've got these tours, these like, you know, bald eagle tours, or these trains or what have you that they said they are able to provide for us. The lodges there are that one lodge they have at Starved Rock, I don't know if you've been unbelievably large, very, massive, very, very nice.

Joe called upon the officers that were in attendance to give their report. Mario is not here. He's kind of tied up at work and said he has nothing to say this month.

Cheryl K is also not here, but I believe either Cheryl W or Nancy is going to take part of the charity, or maybe they're going to share it, but we'll find out when they step up here.

So, the first one is Treasurer- Doug MacArtney. The money is all good and everything is fine.

Joe said we have a newer member here, Braden, who is going to entertain us, at the end of the meeting with the game that he has.

Next was Secretary- John Sheridan and he had nothing new to report.

Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director gave her report on membership.

Everybody, thanks for coming out, and thanks for coming last month to the Christmas Party that was a big success. We noticed everybody was having a good time, and everybody was sticking around too. So, thanks for coming out for that. We have a new member here tonight, Kathy Deitz.

Welcome to our meeting, and she's wearing her white lay. We know that means she's a new member. So, make her feel welcome and her friend Tom. That brings our membership to 164.

So, we've been talking about the Second City trip, and I got to tell you, the Second City part of it is just not working out things beyond our control, and we're going to junk that part of it. But we still have a bus for five hours for \$25 a person, and we still have a reservation at Pizza at Oven Grinder for 29 people. Do we want to do something different, looking for ideas on that. Scheduled for March 29th. Somebody just mentioned, like, make it a murder mystery on the bus. That might be fun, or put some kind of tour guide on the bus, or something.

We have Boomer and Quinton coming to our house on February 22 and I'll send out an email when that button is live for you to prepay your donations. And then March 9. Bob Carwin and Scott Southworth are coming for a show. So, watch your emails for a button on that too. When's that? That is March 9, and where is it? Probably our house that's on a Sunday morning.

Cheryl K wanted to say, we collect things for Ronald McDonald House. We collect the pop tops and we collect the hotel size toiletries. She lives in a third-floor walkup. So, you know, there's no sense in her carrying this stuff up to her house, if anybody would be willing to be the drop off person with those things and take them from the meetings and drop them off at Ronald McDonald House. Just holler. There's a house in Naperville, Chicago, Maywood and Winfield.



## *Recording Secretary continued....*

So, we're doing something with St. Baldrick's. Did somebody in here shave their head one time? Mario, did it. Okay, so we have a new member also, and he was going to be here tonight, but he fell ill. He's not here, his name is Pete Tomczuk.

All right, so he wrote us a long email, but I'm just going to summarize it and say, you know, we were talking about putting together a party and making that an event for ourselves, but it sounds like Pete's already got it going. So, what we have to do is go to his party, and that'll be on March 8th. He said we can tailgate in the parking lot and do shots in the parking lot. Inside, there's the donation part and the shaving heads and music and food. So, it'll be fun if it is on the calendar.

Jimmy Buffet night at Stark Rock. Jenny, you said you've been there, and Karen has been there too. They gave us dates to choose from, and August 1 is one of them, and that would probably be the best date that would work out for the club, which is a Friday, but, you know, so kind of marked it on your calendar. You come out Friday for Jimmy Buffett night, and you spend the night, and then the next morning the bald eagle hike. Mike Warren mentions that there are wineries in Utica.

Next up Social Director -Nancy Schriener. We've got lots of stuff already planned, and we've got lots of stuff in the works behind the scenes, so coming up first in two weeks, we've got Barefoot Children in the Sand over in Mishawaka with their partner clubs next door.

So last year we did a theme where we were the Blues Brothers. We're from Chicago. So of course, this year we are going to be Bears Super fans. If anybody saw us dressed, we did Don't be a Dika. CAC, crawl, that's what we're going with. We're going to get the fake mustaches, the fake stogies cup dressing, your best Bears gear, and we're taking over the Holiday Inn in Mishawaka. So, if you have any questions or you haven't got your tickets yet, I think there's still some available.

Next up on February 1, our friends over at the Shuck and Shack are having their second annual Beach Bash. They did it last year. I believe our friend Johnny played last year, possibly, I don't remember last we knew they were still working on music, so we don't know who's performing, but that is Friday.

What's winter without Groundhogs Day? And what's better than a bunch of Parrot Heads and Groundhogs partying together? So, we're organizing an outing at the Caddy Shack over in Rosemont by the outlet mall. We're going to hang out with the marine brothers at the Caddy Shack. We're going to celebrate Groundhog's Day and hope that the groundhog stays away and we don't have six more weeks of this.

As Cheryl mentioned, we've got Boomer and Quinton on the 22nd then coming up on the fifth. I went out of order, sorry. On February 15, we are finalizing details for the Chicago Wolves. February 15 is a Saturday. It's their Hawaiian shirt night. So, look for a link that'll probably be going up in the next day or so. Everybody's responsible for buying their own tickets. We're going to have a section all to ourselves, free, sure giveaway. So hopefully, I know in the past, we've done things with them, and we've had a pretty good turnout. Then, as Cheryl mentioned, we've got, on the ninth, the Bob Karwin, and Scott Southworth show, concert at her house again. Then on February 8 is St. Baldrick's. So that takes us all the way through March.

## *Recording Secretary continued....*

As you can see, we've got lots of things in the works, and there's still some yet to come for April and May and the rest of the year.

Lastly, really quick on a separate note, you know, we're a family everywhere. Parrotheads across the country of the world. We're a family. And unfortunately, one of our family down in Florida is battling cancer right now, and it's a pretty aggressive battle, and she's really struggling. Her name's Deb Harrison. Some of you probably know her. She was at chill. You couldn't have missed her. She had the colorful weights on blue, orange, whatever, because at the time, she was still coming out of her chemo. If it's alright with everybody, I'd like Doug to turn the camera around, and if we could just give a big shout out to say, we love you. Deb, I greatly appreciate it.

We've got another fundraiser coming up. We are doing squares for the Super Bowl, \$10 a square. We're going to be getting the link up for that real soon. Sign up. Give us your \$10 we're just going to fill in everybody's names until all the 100 squares are gone. Then once the grid is filled up, we'll draw numbers, we'll find a way to videotape it live, and then we're going to split it straight across the board, \$200 to the club, \$200 per quarter.

Next, President Joe, just a couple of things to recap on. As far as the Barefoot event out Mishawaka, if you look at the newsletter, I did put a link to their registration, so I'm not sure how many tickets are left, but if you are interested again, it's not this weekend, it's the following weekend, and it is a fantastic time, a couple of hours of drive, but this year's lineup that they have is fantastic. They have Jonas on Friday, and then they have the BeachBum band on Saturday, just one party after another, right there.

As far as the football scores go, just like Nancy said, it's going to kind of be old school, right? We're going to have a form where you could go online, fill out, pick the number of tickets that you want, and so on. That will be a countdown. So, you know how many tickets are left. There are only 100 squares available. We'll start them at 100 and you know, you can look at the site and you can see how many are left, and when it gets down to zero, that's it. At that point in time, I think Nancy will go ahead and just take a random square, fill in all the names, take a picture of it, and then after that, either we video or take another picture after we put the numbers on it so everybody's aware of you know, what they have as far as their score is concerned.

Kathy stated we've got all the names here. 92 entries, shuffle shop, shuffle and spin. Let's see who will win. The winner was our new member Kathy Diets.

Joe said if there's no other, no other questions or comments or whatever, we'll end this meeting

Jennie Wakins, anybody going to Barefoot? I'm going to enter the shot contest. If you like my shot, I would appreciate your vote.

Joe asked anything else? No, okay, we'll see everybody next month, and then again, Braden then looks for people to play a game he made with a Jimmy Buffett theme.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectively submitted,  
John Sheridan  
Recording Secretary

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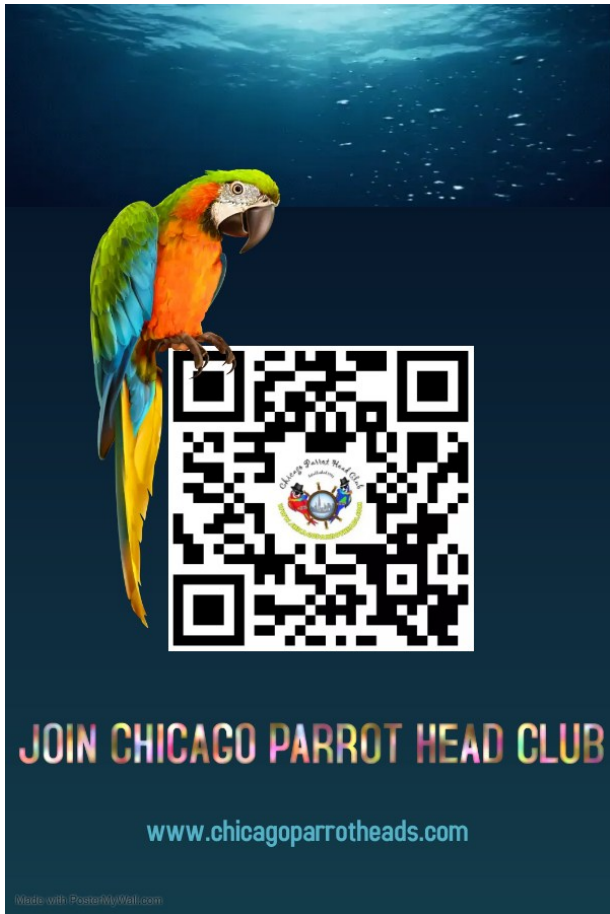
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## Schedule of Upcoming Events 2025

### 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.

### February 2025

Feb 2—Caddy Shack Groundhog Day

Feb 15—Chicago Wolves game  
Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway

Feb 19—Monthly PHC Meeting

Feb 22—Boomer Blake and Quentin  
Leverick

### March 2025

Mar 8—Saint Baldrick's Phlocking

Mar 19—Monthly PHC Meeting

Mar 29—Save the Date Gangster  
Bustrip: Chicago Style!

### [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 Mario Armas no later than the first Friday of the month at [communications@chicagoparrotheads.com](mailto:communications@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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