



Chicago Parrot Head News

Happy New Year Everyone!

With the cold winds biting both our upper (and lower) cheeks - ha!, let's turn the corner into this new year as the days grow longer, and celebrate another successful trip around the sun.

Keeping us current and maintaining our club in good standings, our crew has renewed our club membership and paid our dues to the Mothership and governing body - Parrot Heads In Paradise (PHIP).

Many of us will be taking the short journey this coming weekend to instigate some good hearted rivalry with our fellow pirates over in Mishawaka Indiana at their "Barefoot Children in the Sand" event. Rooms and tickets are still available so join the fun if you can. Here's the link if you change your mind: <https://parrotheadsinmichi.wixsite.com/barefoot-children>

Lastly, about a handful of house concerts are in the works to avert any weekend doldrums you want to avoid this summer! Please be sure to check the club calendar on our website for details regarding all club social events. www.chicagoparrotheads.com



Here's to weighing anchor into the new waters of 2025 - Cheers!

Love and Luck, and Bubbles-up!
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!

Wayne Skopek 1/15
William Szabo 1/16
Jennifer Perkins 1/17
Jen Barnes 1/19
Melody Banner 1/19
Steve Turrle 1/20
Susi Camp 1/23
Jeff Smith 1/26

Tony Coglianese 2/3
Mike Hardesty 2/6
Jeannie Egidi 2/7
Brett Burgess 2/8
Bill Egidi 2/11
Kevin Marren 2/12
Suezee Hnizdor 2/15
Bob Endre 2/18
Tom Tanton 2/18

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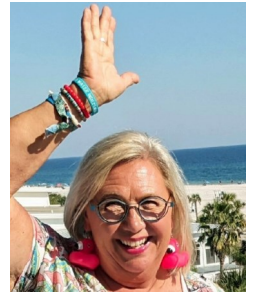


Membership Report

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.



The Pirate Hood— Charity Page Cheryl Kuropas—Charity Director

January Charity



50-50 Raffle

We continue to collect for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This winter season let's turn compassion into action. Your generous donation to the Northern Illinois Food Bank will provide vital nourishment to families struggling to make ends meet.

Every \$1 donation buys \$8 worth of food You can donate via the link on our Facebook/email. Your gift, no matter the size, can make a world of difference.

Visit Parrotheads Crush Hunger to donate today
<https://support.solvehungertoday.org/parrothead>



A look ahead...

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

I will attach the link to Pete's page on Facebook and email so you can donate to his page if you so choose!

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

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.

Phriendship Fund: The Phriendship Committee is looking for bakers for the January 15th monthly meeting. Please email Jennie at: TikiJennie@gmail.com if you're able to help out!

Looking for 25-30 baggies of 2 or 3 cookies in each!
Thanks Phriends!



The Social Navigator

The calendar may say January and winter is in full swing, but that doesn't mean we can't have that tropical vibe. We have some great events coming up and even more in the works.

Here are some of the upcoming events you won't want to miss:

1/24-1/25 – Barefoot Children in the Sand hosted by Parrot Heads in Michiana in Mishawaka, IN

2/1 - Shuckin Shack Beach Bash! Ditch the cold and feel the coast. Raffles and live music.

2/2 – Parrotheads and Groundhogs – Come join us at Murray Bros. Caddyshack in Rosemont to celebrate Groundhogs Day and one day closer to spring.

2/15 – Chicago Wolves Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Night. Watch for the ticket link coming soon

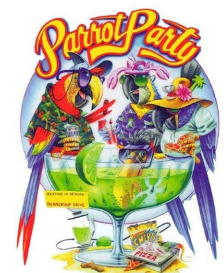
2/22 - First House concert of the year brings Boomer Blake and Quentin Leverick with the sounds of rock, reggae, country, and more. Since this is an indoor house concert, there will be limited seating, by invitation only, for Parrothead club members, and their friends and family. Watch for more details and the live button to prepay your donations and hold your seat.

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. Watch for more details and the live button to prepay your donations and hold your seat.

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



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director



Recording Secretary - John Sheridan

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2024 CHICAGO PARROTHEADS CLUB

MEETING LOCATION: SHOELESS JOE'S ALE HOUSE & GRILL

In attendance were, President Joe Klen, Treasurer- Doug MacArtney Secretary- John Sheridan, Social Director -Nancy Schriener, and Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director.



Absent: Communications Director- Mario Armas and Cheryl Kuropas- Charity Director. President Joe Klen called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

President Joe Klen welcomed everyone to our Annual Christmas party. He thanked Shoeless Joe's for allowing us to hold the party. He also said to take care of our two waitresses who are working very hard.

I hope everybody will enjoy themselves tonight. A couple of pizzas are coming out yet, we do have a dessert table that Jenny will talk about, along with a cookie exchange table, and we will have some games with prizes.

A couple things. One for Jenny who had coordinated and really set up a cookie exchange. She worked hard on that, and hopefully we'll get some good sweets from all her efforts there. We will have a quick video later on while Mario created that video today, but you know, he's down in Florida right now.

Joe thanked Cheryl Wegner for organizing the party. She did a great job. Another thing is coming up very shortly, in the spring. Here we're gone and have some house concerts, so if anybody is able to accommodate or host one of these, you know, concerts. Please contact Cheryl. She'll probably make that happen. If you're able and willing to, by all means, contact Cheryl, and she's creating the list.

Joe apologizes for 50/50 there was kind of a mixed communication, but I think we decided early on that we weren't going to do anything during the summer, just to make it more of a holiday season where the club gets back to you. We'll start again in January, and if anybody did sign up for tickets for this December meeting.

Joe talked about the bus tour and Navy Pier that was just recently, we had an event in Chicago. Everybody had a great time. He mentions that Marybeth leads the group in singing Christmas songs on the bus. By popular request, she did come up and lead the group in singing Deck the Halls.

Recording Secretary continued....

Next, Joe started with the crew wrap up. These are going to be very quick, so I'll start with Treasurer- Doug MacArtney. He stated that cash was good and no problems.

Next up, Secretary- John Sheridan. I talked last meeting about officially taking the minutes and organizing them and making a motion to accept them. Because basically we're a large club, so the minutes reflect the activity that goes on to club what's discussed at the meeting. So read it. If there's any add-ons, corrections or whatever, at a monthly meeting, you let me know, and I take care of it.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Joe then said that he talked to our Communications Director- Mario Armas a couple days ago, right before he left, so I thank him for all he does. He's doing a great job with the website.

Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director. As far as membership goes, a warm welcome to our new members, Kyle Niedzwiecki, Trina and Tim Luke Luetkebuenger.

She talked about how January is usually our food drive month. She found out that if we donate between now and the 26th of December, some company like United Foods will match our money. But if we donate between the 26 and the 31st it's a double match. So why would we do that? I think it's the United Food System.

She explained the way the food bank works is, they buy a lot of food, and they have a really good deal with the distributors. Like, when you would pay \$5 for a box of Cheerios, they would pay 38 cents. There's going to be a button that you can push to donate money. You're going to bring the food to the January meeting. And I'll just tell you why we decided to do food in January. You might think, well, shoot, why don't you do it like Thanksgiving or Christmas, because everybody else does it better.

If anybody wants to sign up for a regular program of volunteering at food pantry and operation supporter troops, we'll do it for like two or three hours a month.

We do have one coming up, actually, February. Boomer Blake is coming our way with Quinton. If somebody wants to host, please let Cheryl know.

Dan Sullivan, is coming our way on Flag Day, June 14, so they can accent your calendar for that one too.

Social Director -Nancy Schriener gave an update on social events. Who has ever been to Barefoot Children over in Mishawaka?

Boomer and Quinton are coming to Chicago. Boomer and Quenton are going to be Barefoot Children. It is January 24 and 25th. It's Friday, Saturday. It's a short, little two-hour drive. It's right across the border into Indiana, and is hosted at a Holiday Inn Conference Center. The crazy block takes over the whole Holiday Inn on Friday you arrive Friday night, we've got Boomer and Quenton performing. Saturday afternoon, we have our hotel bar crawl. Everybody decorates their hotel rooms. They put their bars out in the hallway using the ironing boards. There's a prize for best decorations and best drink. There's music in the hallways. Local favorite, two dudes and flip flops. They perform in the hallway. Then Friday night, the return of the Jonas Lawrence band.

Then on Saturday night, Boomer and Quenton joined Jonas in the afternoon to start off the evening, and then the headliner is Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. And they were recording a video of a brand-new song Saturday night.

Next was Friendship Fund Director Jennie Watkins.

To those that brought cookies tonight, I want to say thank you. How about a round of applause. And made the dessert table, which is against the fire wall, and I appreciate everything everybody did. This table over here is for those that brought cookies for the cookie exchange. So, if you brought cookies, I brought bags, and at the end of the night you can see there's bags on the chair in the back. I'm going to put them on the table, and then you can take so if you brought a dozen bags of cookies, you will take home a dozen. You just mix and match. Take whatever you want off the table. Take 12 baggies. She is also looking for bakers for next month. So, if somebody wants to bake for January's meeting, please let her know

Recording Secretary continued....

Joe said, not only for January, but February, March, April, May, etc.

Speaking on the friendship. When people have some hard times, retirement, sick, etc. we try to cheer up a li le bit by giving them a li le bit of gi and sending them something. And that note, I would like to say, thank you. My wife received a li le gi here, she just had knee replacement. She's doing fine.

The next thing we're going to do is look at a video, and then a er that, we're going to play a game, and then a er that, we're going to do the cookie exchange.

Worth mentioning, the club raised \$38,236 for local charities in 2024.

Mee ng adjoins at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,
John Sheridan Recording Secretary



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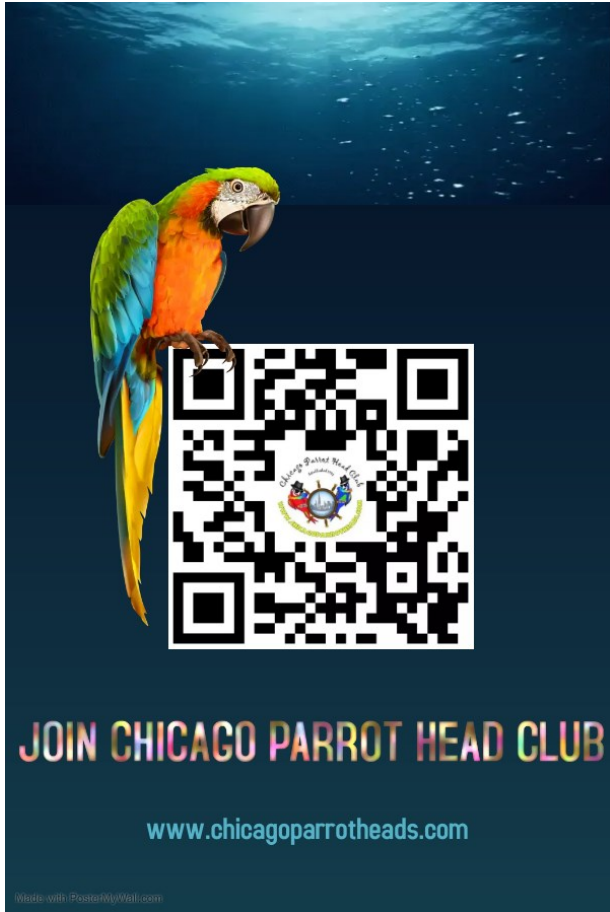
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New Members :

Scan or click the QR code and open the door to a world of new opportunities. We promise—no secret handshakes.



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.

January 2025

Jan 15—Monthly PHC Meeting

Jan 16-19—Pardi-Gras 2025

Jan 17—Mr. Myers Duo at Nellie's

Jan 24-26—Barefoot Children in the Sand 2025

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

[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. 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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