

# Chicago Parrot Head News

Indian Summer—wow, the weather's been absolutely fabulous these past few weeks! But lately, you can feel the chill creeping in, reminding us that brisk winds, snow, and ice are just around the corner. Luckily, a bunch of us will soon be heading down to Gulf Shores, making our escape before winter really sets in. We'll be joining the Meeting of the Minds party, ready for drinks, debauchery, and all the music and mischief that only a crew of pirates can truly appreciate!

With Halloween just around the corner, the spirits are stirring—both the rum kind and the ones long gone. Let's not forget Jimmy and all our loved ones who've passed by celebrating with some tricks, treats, and a little Día de Muertos fun.

Next month, the holidays will be in full swing with ornament making, Zoo tree decorating, and our Stocking Stuffer Activities to support our troops. Be sure to check our calendar and the club's Facebook page for details!

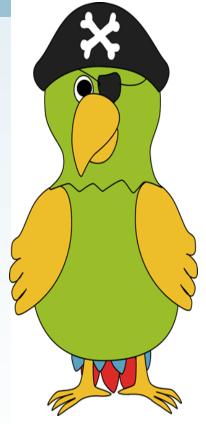
Also, don't forget to bring your Toys for Tots donation to this month's October meeting.

If you haven't already, please renew your club membership—our renewal season kicked off in September.



And finally, a quick reminder that club elections will take place during this month's October meeting.

Safe travels, and Happy Halloween! 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!

Mary Krinock 10/20 Heather Voegeli 10/21 Jeff Roseman 10/22 Maureen Schroeder 10/25 Kathy Tanton 10/28 Anna Mitchell 10/31 Harold Boelter 11/2 Jerry Batke 11/3 Bryan Banner 11/4 Teresa Butkus 11/6 Jamie Auble 11/9 Janissa Karwin 11/10 Linda McLaughlin 11/10 Karen Boylan 11/14 Howard Sirota 11/16 Ann Smith 11/18

"Yes I'll make a
resolution
That I'll never make
another one
Just enjoy this ride on
my trip around the sun
Just enjoy this ride"

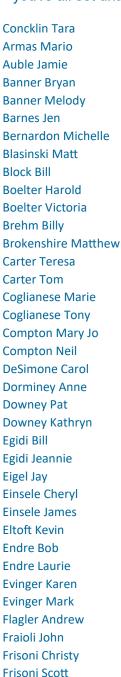


# Membership Report

Cheryl Wegner - Membership

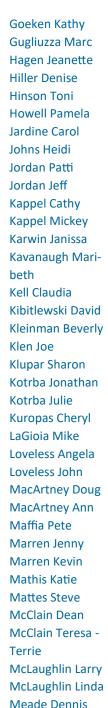
Welcome and Happy Birthday to our new member, Heather Voegeli. We hope to see you soon Heather!

It's time to renew your club membership. Simply <u>click here</u> to pay online. If your name is on this list, you're all set until next year.



Gannon John

**Gard Bob** 



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### The Pirate Hood— Charity Page Kathy Sullivan—Charity Director

Happy Halloween Phriends!!!



50-50 Raffle

October 50/50 virtual raffles tickets on sale!!!

Drawing will be held October 16th live on during our monthly Phlocking. You can buy your tickets online in the for the raffle. Just click the link below or scan the QR code and it will bring you to the form to fill out and you can pay via PayPal.

\*\*\*We have instituted the Ed Dunn rule (LOL), you are allowed 3 wins in a year. Because we will never say no to a donation for charity, if Ed wins we will just re-spin until we have another winner. 

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https://www.chicagoparrotheads.com/50-50-raffle/



Alzheimer's Walk 2024

We met our \$10,000 GOAL! Thank you but you can still gather donations for the team until December 31st 2024!



Operation Support Our Troops Stocking stuffing being done 11/7/2024. Thanks Cheryl W for organizing!!

Toys for Tots donations for the 2024 Christmas season! Please bring unwrapped new toy to the October or November club meeting!

Brookfield Zoo Tree decorating! Theme is Fins to the Left, Fins to the Right...

Ornament making will be 11/3/24 at noon at Eileen & John Pachuta's home in Crete. Once you sign-up up we will provide the address! Always so much fun!

There are a couple of spots left to volunteer at Operation Support Our Troops stuffing holiday stockings for the troops overseas. Thursday November 7, 11am-1pm. Click here to sign up. There are some great places in Lisle for lunch afterwards!

Tree decorating will be 11/10/24 at 10am at Brookfield Zoo. This is a Keet friendly event. We usually meet off site and caravan in. This year we are doing 2 smaller trees instead of the 1 big one we have decorated in the past.

Monthly Donations (KEEP THEM COMING!): We continue to accept pop tabs, spices (salt, pepper, and other popular ones) & personal care (soap, travel shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, floss) items.

# The Social Navigator

We ended September on a high note, with a great turn out for the Alzheimer's walk. The Parrothead cheerleaders were out in force cheering all the walkers from Start to Finish!! And a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Alzheimer's Walk. Not only did we exceed our goal of \$10,000 but we were the Top Team for our walk location.



Nancy Schreiner—Social Director

Summer may be over but the phun never ends. Join us for the annual Tree Decorating on 11/10 at Brookfield Zoo followed by a social. Details coming soon. Then it is the return of "Don't be a Ditka" bar crawl on 11/17. We are finishing up the details and locations so watch your email.

Coming up on December 14th we have reserved a motorcoach bus to ride around and look at Christmas lights. There will be cocktails, caroling, and more! The cost will be around \$25 per person. Let us know if you are interested so we can reserve the right size party bus. Email Cheryl Wegner if interested.









## Recording Secretary - John Sheridan

# MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18th, 2024 CHICAGO PARROTHEADS CLUB MEETING Location: ANOTHER ROUND

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

Absent: Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director, Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director and Communications Director- Mario Arma Guests joining the meeting was folks from the group K-9's for Vets



Joe called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

President Joe Klen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said don't forget to tip our servers. He also mentions that you still had time to get your 50/50 tickets.

He then acknowledged our out-of-town members Jean Motel, Bob Noonan, Mike & Julie Hardesty. Bob Noonan then came up and spoke about getting married this past weekend.

Joe acknowledged the folks from K-9's for Vets. He said he would announce the grand total from the Chi.ill event later in the meeting.

Joe then announces next month is elections for President, Charity Director, Secretary and Communications Director. Read the newsletter to get more information.

Joe then talked about MOTM and some of the events going on. He stated the club usually makes a raffle basket for MOTM. He also mentions he would like to get a special shirt designed for MOTM, but it would need to be done by the end of September, so we have time to order shirts. October 22nd until October 27th.

President Joe Klen then invited Michael, President of the K-9's for Vets, for the check presentation. Michael thanked everyone for their hard work putting on Summer Chi.ill and stated they all had a great time. He stated they have trained 176 dogs in their program over all the 8 years.

DRUM ROLL, Joe presented a check for \$27,000 to the K-9's. Michael was overwhelmed by the club's generosity.

A pause was then taken to do a group picture.

#### Recording Secretary continued....

Cheryl Wegener asked Joe to thank everyone who donated to the event. Anna Mitchell and Nancy Schriener did the baskets and silent auction. Anna thanks everyone that helped put the event together.

Michael then thanks us again. He also talked about the store they have in Bolingbrook and the sale they have.

Treasurer- Doug MacArtney gave us an update on our funds. The September statement is out there for your review. He said you can see a lot of money coming in and going out for the Summer Chi.ill fundraiser. Doug announced that we have about \$200 for 50/50 and you still have a little time to buy more tickets.

President Joe Klen said that Cheryl Wegner- Membership Director, asked him to remind people who have not paid their dues to sign up through the club website.

Cheryl Lock Holmes then filled in for Kathy Sullivan- Charity Director, and gave a report on the ALZ walk in two weeks in Busse Woods. She also stated that there will be a pop-up tent for us to use and if you don't want to walk you can still join us to cheer us on and do the social afterwards.

She stated there will be ornament making at John and Elieen's on November 2nd. Then I will be doing the Zoo Tree in November too. We will be doing "Stocking Stuffing for The Troops" and that information is on the website. Her class will be writing letters for the troops that will go into their stocking. She then mentions that October 5th is the Lemont Pirate Pub Crawl. She explains to those that are not walking the ways they can donate to the cause.

Next up was Social Director -Nancy Schriener. She said that her and Cheryl selected a bar called Realtime located 5 minutes away for the social after the ALZ walk. She then thanks all that attended the Mike Nash House Concert this past weekend. She then mentions the Oktoberfest social at the RoundHouse on Sunday, the 22nd. Information for the upcoming events for the rest of the year will be coming out shortly.

Joe then announced the 50/50 winner. Guess who? Yes, Joe Klen won the raffle for \$111 dollars. Joe then selected a name to share the winnings with Jean Motal.

Next meeting is October 16th and that is the election for officers. Joe then announces the positions and who was running. Joe Klen is running for President, John Sheridan is running for Secretary, Cheryl Lock Homes is running for Charity Director and Mario is running for Communications Director.

Joe thanked Julie and Mike Hardesty from driving in from Indiana.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 pm

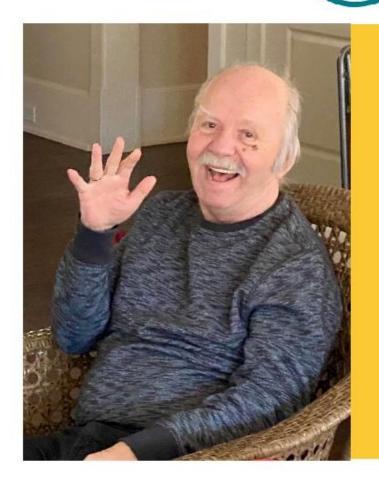
Respectively submitted, John Sheridan Recording Secretary



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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.



#### 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 <u>Chicago Parrot-</u> <u>head Club website</u> or visit us on Facebook



Note we are not a 501c3 organization.

# Schedule of Upcoming Events 2024

October 2024 November 2024

Oct 16—Monthly PHC Meeting Nov 2—2024 Zoo Tree Ornament

Making

Oct 22 - Oct 27—Chicago Parrotheads

MOTM 2024 or Bust!

Nov 10—Zoo Tree Decorating

Nov 9—BACK TO THE 50'S DANCE

Nov 20—Monthly PHC Meeting

#### **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 Jon Kotrba no later than the first Friday of the month at jon@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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