

The Michiana Parrot-Graph

From Your Phlockin' Leader...

Well, I'm watching basketball, not hockey, and it's a little more than 20 degrees outside, but what the heck...BOAT DRINKS, ALL OF US WANT A FEW BOAT DRINKS! But honestly, as Parrot Heads, does it really make any difference what the weather is outside? Can't we find an excuse...oops, REASON...to celebrate just being part of the truly amazing Parrot Head Nation?

Well, we have a couple of events coming up soon that are perfect places to celebrate our "Parrot Head-ness". First, on Saturday, March 24, we'll be having our second annual "Pancakes in Paradise" benefit pancake breakfast at the Applebee's on Lincolnway and Bittersweet from 8 AM—10 AM. Last year, we were able to donate \$3,000 to assist a local family with their financial needs due to their child's heart transplant.

This is a wonderful and PHUN event! We'll need servers, table cleaners, restaurant decorators, and several raffle items. Please volunteer to help us in some way. Contact me at parrotheadsinnichiana@yahoo.com ASAP to let me know how you can help.

The second great event that is coming up is the first annual Parrot Head Great Lakes Regional Convention to be held the weekend of April 20—22 at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL (a "burb" of Chicago). The price is EXTREMELY reasonable and this is shaping up to be a very memorable (well...depending on how much fun you have) event! The reservation information is available on our website under "upcoming events". Or, you can call the resort directly at (630) 529-0200. We really want a nice-sized contingent from Parrot Heads in

Michiana to show 'em how we Party with a Purpose!!! Please let Brian Sharkey know if you are attending just so we know who to look for and maybe arrange a PHiM caravan. Brian's email is bsharkey@lasallebristol.com

Of course, there are other events coming up, so please be sure to check our website frequently for updated information. Also, don't forget to get everyone you know (friends, co-workers, family) to donate their used ink cartridges to you for our recycling program. We are well on our way to having a nice sum to donate to a worthy cause!

Stay wam, don't shoot the freezer, and participate in as many of our events as possible to prevent yourself from getting cabin fever!!!

-Jan Caudell



Pancakes in Paradise

Our Second Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 24 at Applebee's on Lincolnway and Bittersweet from 8 AM to 10 AM. This year, the beneficiary will be Benji Eash, a 9-year-old boy from Goshen, who is in need of a lung transplant. Benji suffers from cystic fibrosis, a hereditary illness that causes bodily secretions to be abnormally thick, congesting the lungs and other body organs.

Without a lung transplant, children who suffer from this disease live very short lives, usually dying in their teens. Benji's transplant will take place in St. Louis sometime after August, which means his family will have to relocate to St. Louis temporarily, for somewhere between 3 months and one year. Benji and his family are just starting out on a long, difficult road, and we want to do what we can to get them

off to a great start!

The tickets will be \$6.00 per person. Guests will get pancakes, bacon/sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. We are arranging for tableside entertainment. We will need several raffle items, as well as volunteers to wait and clean tables, pour coffee, and decorate. Please call or e-mail Jan Caudell if you can sell tickets, volunteer your time, or donate a raffle item.

PHiM Members Vaguely Recall Attending Caribbean Blue

How do I describe the activities of some of our members over this weekend without deeply embarrassing some of them? Hmmmm.....I guess I can't! So here we go.

I believe we have crowned a new winner in the "How familiar can you become with a sock monkey" contest. I am not naming names, but I will never, ever look at a sock monkey in the same way again. How about you, Patti?

The Detroit Parrot Head Club hosted one hell of a hospitality suite. In fact, they took the name "hospitality" to a whole new level. This room became its own party after the party, and went til the wee hours of the morning. Several of our members represented our club well in the "Brick House Danceathon". And I personally would give you this tip if you go: Saturday night is the time to hang out, especially when the left-over bottles of rum get passed around. "Hey, there's no use taking it home."

The Jacuzzi suite is the way to go. How else can you hold an underwater exploration dive? A bath tub is just not big enough for that.

And what was all that banging on the wall from the Bouldrey's room during the night? Hey, I have no idea...but I'm just saying...

Bubba and Mary definitely wore out their welcome with the other members as they won five different raffle baskets over the weekend, not to mention one of the big prizes which was a beautiful hand painted Adirondack Parrot Chair. It was awesome. You can check out the chair, the prizes, and Bubba at our My Space site. But don't say I didn't warn you!

The bands were just awesome. Friday was the British Invasion with all the music we grew up with and loved. This band really put on a great show and played a wide selection of songs from the sixties and early seventies. KD Moore was as entertaining as always, and played both at the pool area in the afternoon, and again in the main room that evening before Caribbean Blue.

If you enjoyed the Caribbean Blue Band when they played at the Buns Tent Party last year, you would have been blown away by the show they put on that Saturday night. Backed by a great drummer, a fantastic percussionist and joined by other great musicians, they really entertained the Parrot Head crowd.

I can proudly report that the Parrot Heads in Michiana Corona Canoe Team took top honors in the annual Corona Canoe race. I do not think it was even close, thanks to a few of our members

who trained rigorously for this event.

OK, so you throw a hotel full of Parrot Heads together with a room crawl with drinks in every room, coolers full of refreshments all over the place, a hospitality suite with coney dogs, wings, pizza, a tiki bar, Jacuzzis, hot tubs, shark attacks, plenty of music, a little romance, a little smile, a little dance, a little seltzer down your pants, and what do you have???? One of those forgotten weekends where you wake up in the morning and ask yourself..."Why did I end up cross-dressing with Mary Swihart and wearing her green hat and pink shoes?"

And why did the Hamiltons always seem to disappear just as things were heating up? Did they have a Jacuzzi room by any chance?

And who was holding the Olympic Jacuzzi high diving contest in the room next to the Womacks?

OK, so back to this sock monkey. Were did he disappear to during the room crawl? And why did one of our members have this starry look in their eyes all weekend long? Hey, I am just here to report the facts, as blurry and fuzzy as they may be.

-Carey Bert

MOTM Update

Registration for Meeting of the Minds 2007, "Barefootin' in Key West" is off to a great start. Registration tends to pick up speed as MOTM nears, so don't wait too long if you want to register. This event, held every November in Key West, virtually always sells out. Several of our members went last year and had a wild and crazy time. (See the November newsletter to jog your memory!) If you wish to

register, contact Eva DeWalt, Registration Chair, at www.phip.com/MOTM.asp.

The Director of Conventions is looking for logo ideas for this year's MOTM. The contest ends on April 20, 2007. Talented artists, get busy! For further info about the logo contest, go to www.phip.com/MOTM_Logo.asp.

You may ask yourself, "Why am I looking at this peach?" Well, to find the answer to your question, please continue reading until you come to the beet.



"I really love your peaches, want to shake your tree...."

The Livewire Project

The Livewire Project will be playing at Bennigan's Irish Pub, 3011 Belvedere Road, Elkhart at a St. Patrick's Day dance on — you guessed it — Saturday, March 17. If you have never heard the Livewire Project play before, you need to go. This band is phenomenal! The Livewire Project plays free of charge to raise money to benefit United Cancer Services of Elkhart County. We will be helping

out by selling blinkie shamrock pins, green beads, and other green stuff. If you are planning to head over to Bennigan's to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, please send Jan Caudell an e-mail and let her know if you would be willing to help sell some of these items for charity. You do not need to make a reservation. Admission is \$10.00. There will be karaoke. The band starts at 7:00.

You may ask yourself, "Why am I looking at this beet?" Well, the template I use to write this newsletter comes with clip art of fruits and vegetables. I don't have enough news to fill the newsletter, so I left some of it in. If you like it, fine. If you don't, write me something!



We got the beet!

I Want to Go Where It's Warm...

Our soon-to-be-famous annual "I Want to Go Where It's Warm" party will be held March 31 at the Upper Deck at Coveleski Stadium from 8 pm until midnight. Tickets will be \$15.00. Great food will be provided by Sabra. Great music will be provided by Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. Great (i.e., strong) drinks will be provided by Nate the bartender. We'll have raffle items to raise money for the Autism Society of Indiana, as April is Autism Awareness Month. Look for more information about this phun event at our next club meeting.

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

—Jack Handy

Congratulations to Mary Swihart on winning the coveted position of "Official Club Photographer"!

Oh, and one more thing! Saturday, April 28 is the "Compassion Walk" to benefit United Cancer Services of Elkhart County. It starts at the Elkhart YMCA. PHiM is interested in organizing a team to walk that day. If you are interested, please call (574) 875-5158 or e-mail unitedcancer@kconline.com, or just let Jan Caudell know.

Migration 2007 'The Cannons Still Thunder'

In a stroke of genius, the Los Angeles, Orange County, and Las Vegas Parrot Head Clubs have moved their annual party from Southern California to Las Vegas and partnered up with Hooters as a corporate sponsor. The party will be from July 27—29 at the Hooters Hotel and Casino. Early admission is \$30.00 and includes a swag bag, a t-shirt, and a "bunch o goodies". Rooms are \$89.00. Please call Mike McLain of the Los Ange-

les Parrot Heads at (919) 556-8411 to hold your room reservation. To register, check out www.migrationsocial.com. The musical lineup includes "Stars on the Water", Hugo Duarte, Bob Karwin, Tommy Rocker & Conched Out, and others to be announced.

Airfare to Las Vegas is cheap. The rooms are reasonable. The admission is reasonable. There are no curfews or noise re-

strictions. There is a Margaritaville on the strip. Do you need another reason to go? OK, here goes: You will be in the desert in late July, and it will be really, really important for you to keep drinking for the whole weekend....



"I say to-MAY-to, you say to-MAH-to"...

Summer Phun at Simeri's

OK, get out your Parrot Head calendars for a few dates you are going to want to keep in mind this summer!

These are hot off the press and involve Simeri's in South Bend. As you remember, Simeri's was the scene of a great Buffett Night party last summer with the Boat Drunks playing. Unfortunately, the weather was not especially cooperative, but from the pictures on our website, you can see that everyone there still had an excellent time.

Well, Simeri's is going to have another

Buffett Night celebration again next summer. It is July 21, which is a Saturday. They will have Parrots of the Caribbean, which is a really good Buffett tribute band. I am sure we will have our club represented, so write this on your calendar. It is sure to be a good time.

Also, on Thursday, May 31, they will be having Don Middlebrook acoustic and on June 28 (again a Thursday night) they will have Matt Wahl. You all know Don, and know how good he is. Matt was the entertainment down in Key West on the

Sunset Cruise for our regional clubs and he is really good also.

OK, start making a list. It is going to be another busy summer of Parrot Head Mania!

-Carey Bert



"Bottle of wine, fruit of the vine, when ya gonna let me get sober?"

Happy Birthday to You

Happy Birthday to all our members who have celebrated another year around the sun since the last newsletter:

Jeff Randolph, January 1
 Dan Riggs, January 6
 Dave Hamilton, January 10
 Marianne Robben, January 15
 Joe Nagy, February 9
 Bubba Swihart, February 13
 Vicki Fraling, February 24
 Dan McDonough, February 25
 Randy Snyder, February 26
 Nancy Nagy, March 2
 Randy Jones, March 8
 Wayne Ryan, March 10
 Chris Juhas, March 16
 Leeann Adair, March 20
 Melanie Radican, March 29
 Shelley Carithers, April 17
 Janice O'Connor, April 19

Ladies and Gentlemen, your drinking horoscope:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan 19): Drinking style: Capricorn is usually described as practical, steadfast, money-hungry and status-thirsty — no wonder they get left off the astrological cocktail-party list. But this is the sign of David Bowie and Annie Lennox, not to mention Elvis. (*And Jimmy Buffett!* — ed.) Capricorn is the

true rock star: independent, powerful and seriously charismatic, not too eager to please. And if they make money being themselves, who are you to quibble? But just like most rock stars, they're either totally on or totally off, and they generally need a little social lubricant to loosen up and enjoy the after party, especially if they can hook up with a cute groupie.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 — Feb. 18): Drinking style: Aquarius and drinking don't go together that well (except for water, that is). They have an innate tendency toward know-it-allism, and if they get an idea while sizzled, they're more stubborn than a stain on a stone. If they're throwing a party or organizing an outing, however, they're too preoccupied with their duties to get combative — and they make perfectly charming drunks in that case. Fortunately, they're usually capital drink-nurses. They also make the best designated drivers (if you can get them before they start raising their wrist): Aquarius is fascinated by drunk people and capable of holding interesting conversations with soused strangers while sober.

PISCES (Feb 19—March 20): Drinking style: If you're a Pisces, you've probably already heard that you share a sign — and an addictive personality — with Liz

Taylor, Liza Minelli and Kurt Cobain. Not only do Pisces like to lose themselves in the dreamy, out-there feeling that only hooch can give, but they build up a mighty tolerance fast. Who needs an expensive date like that? On the other hand, they're fabulously enchanting partners, whether in conversation or in crime. With the right Pisces, you can start out sharing a pitcher of margaritas and wind up in bed together for days. The phrase "addictive personality" can be read two ways, you know.

ARIES (March 21—April 19): Drinking style: Impulsive Aries people like to party and sometimes don't know when to call it a night. Their competitive streak makes them prone to closing-time shot contests. They're sloppy, fun drunks, and they get might flirty after a couple tipples. Getting Aries people drunk is a good way to get what you want out of them, should other methods fail. Aries can become bellicose when blotto, but they will assume that whatever happened should be forgiven (if not forgotten) by sunrise. They can be counted on to do the same for you — so long as you haven't gone and done anything really horrible to them last night, you sneaky Gemini.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	PLACE AND DETAILS	TIME
03/02/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - Between the Buns on Cassopolis St. in Elkhart	6:00 PM
03/10/07 Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Dance featuring DJ Kevin Peek	Galien American Legion; To benefit the Relay for Life	6:00 til 12:00, \$9.00 per person
03/17/07 Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Dance featuring The Livewire Project	Bennigan's Restaurant in Elkhart: To benefit United Cancer Services	7:00
03/18/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Hacienda at 100 Center	5:00 PM
03/24/07 Saturday	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Applebee's on Lincolnway and Bittersweet; to benefit COTA	8:00
03/31/07 Saturday	"I Want To Go Where It's Warm" Party	Coveleski Stadium at the Upper Deck: Beach Bum Band performs	8:00 PM
04/15/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Hacienda at 100 Center	5:00 PM
04/20/07 - 04/22/07	Midwest Regional Clubs Party in Parrot-dise	Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL; Beach Bum Band on Fri, South of Disorder on Sat.	Friday night through Sunday
05/04/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
05/19/07 Saturday	Between the Buns Buffett Tent Party	Between the Buns Osceola, Khaki Lymon Band (tentatively), fundraiser to benefit United Cancer Services	7:00 PM
05/20/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
06/07/07 - 06/10/07	Phlocking of the Phaithful	Put-in-Bay, OH, http://www.phlocking.com/	All day, every day
06/24/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
07/06/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
07/15/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
July or August - TBA	PHiM Food Drive	Location to be determined	TBA
07/15/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
09/07/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
September - date TBA	Alzheimer's Walk and Club Picnic	Potawotami Park	TBA
09/16/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
Oct or Nov - date TBA	Empty Bowls Project	To benefit Real Services of St. Joseph County	TBA
10/21/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting & ***Third PHiM Birthday Celebration***	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
11/02/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
11/01/07 - 11/04/07	Meeting of the Minds, "Barefootin' Key West"	National Parrot Heads in Paradise convention in Key West, FL	All day, every day
11/18/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Hacienda at 100 Center	5:00 PM
12/16/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting & CHRISTMAS PARTY	To Be Announced	5:00 PM

"Parrot Heads in Michiana" participating events are in BOLD
Phirst Phriday Phlockings **First Friday of every other month. Location changes, so check the website.**

Monthly Bizness Meetings **Third Sunday of every month at Hacienda at 100 Center during winter months.**

Our phlocking attorney requires us to include the following disclaimer on our schedule of events:

Taking the attached schedule of events as directed may cause the following side effects: nausea, vomiting, short-term memory loss, long-term memory loss, loss of inhibitions, loss of clothing, loss of virginity, loss of money, loss of integrity, loss of humility, baldness, sore feet, headache, diarrhea, burning sensation when you pee, jello-shot mouth, tequila-elbow, premature ejaculation, belated ejaculation, no ejaculation, cotton-mouth, rayon-mouth, more nausea, more vomiting, sudden memory of events you would rather forget, loss of sleep, itching, sweating, shivering, spontaneous combustion, spontaneous coitus in strange places, naked hot-tubbing, alcohol poisoning, margarita overdose, Jager girl sandwiches and last but not most disturbing, merlot dousing.



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Party With a Purpose!

Party in Parrot-Dise

Looking to get away from it all? Ready for a road trip? How about a party in Parrot-Dise? The Chicago Parrot Heads are hosting the Great Lakes Regional Convention at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL this April 20-22. Clubs from all over the Great Lakes region will be in attendance, including Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. This is a beautiful resort with on-site restaurants, bars, pool, hot tub, and night club, so there is no need to venture outside. We can't let this party start without us!

If that isn't incentive enough to register, this convention is a GREAT DEAL!!! You have two options: you can purchase a VIP Pass, or an Entertainment Pass. The Entertainment Pass gets you discounted overnight accommodations, admission to

the Friday night tiki party, entertainment at Izzy & Moe's nightclub, admission to the reggae pool party, and tickets to the Saturday night entertainment. The VIP pass gets you all of that PLUS additional food and drink discounts, complimentary Saturday breakfast buffet, five free drink coupons, and tickets to all musical performances. There is a package available for every taste and every budget.

Musical performances will include *South of Disorder*, *The Beach Bums*, *Mr. Myers*, and more. And if you still need incentive to go, you will automatically receive two raffle entries for a pair of tickets to Jimmy Buffett's sold-out show at the First Midwest Amphitheater on July 21!

You may ask "How do I register? This sounds like a Parrot Head Dream Come

True!" Well, you must make your own reservations by calling the resort directly at (630) 529-0200. If you wish to check out the resort, you may do so at www.indianlakesresort.com. If you have any questions, feel free to call Barb of the Chicago Parrot Heads at (708) 542-2620, or e-mail her at Barb@chicagoparrotheads.com.

Several of our members have already signed up for this convention. If you decide to attend, please let Brian Sharkey know by e-mailing him at bsharkey@lasallebristol.com. Once we have an approximate head count, we may be able to make some transportation arrangements. (Oh, yeah, to be able to drink and not have to drive....)

Party on, Parrot Heads!