

The TaleFeather



The Official Newsletter of the Detroit Parrot Head Club

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Welcome to the Cruise 2010

Happy New Year ...let's get this cruise started.

Wow 2010 hard to believe 10 years just flew by ...wouldn't it be sweet if we could cruise back to 2000 and know what we know now? I'm sure we all might change a thing or two but one thing we wouldn't change is our "Tropical Attitude."

As your new Cruz Director I would first like to Thank Capt. Ron and Crew for keeping this ship afloat ...I know the seas where a bit choppy. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to Geryl and Glen Bob for sailing another tour. Big Thanks... to Big "Wave" Dave, Heather and Mary for joining the Crew...man your life vests we're in for a wild Sea Cruise!

DPHC is embarking on its 18th year... from an Olde sailor (16yrs.) there has been many a great tale, memories, friends and good times had along the way. With many more to come. So the Mission of this Crew is to see all your 200 plus Tropical Attitudes at something. The Calendar will be filled with many ports of interest such as Band sights, charitable events, Happy hours, meetings and more. So you don't miss out...copy the calendar put it where you can see it, check your e-mail and Club website for more info. You're sure to see a PHellow PH there!

FYI...Board Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month 7PM at Marinelli's.

Happy hours will be the LAST Friday of the month.

Started in February, our Home Port for our Happy hours is the Parrot Cove. In Troy

Yeah...we have an EDITOR. "BW" Dave has taken on editor-ship...He needs to hear from you! So does your Webmaster. So send us Road Trips stories, funnies and pic's

Welcome new member Caryn Gilliland who has volunteered to maintain our website photo gallery. Pictures are already catching up and check out last summers events and our Christmas Party.. Send in all your Parrothead related pics and we'll get them in an album.

A Very Special Belated Birthday Wish for our past President, Sue Aprea. On Feb 13th our Phellow PH turned the BIG 50. Happy B-day Sue!!!!

That's it for now so let's enjoy the cruise...

your Cruz director

Lou

PS:There may be a few extra tickets for the June 22nd Jimmy Buffett concert. If you have not yet requested tickets and you qualify for Club Tickets, please contact me ASAP.

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*****Bulletin Board*****

Deadline: The Deadline for submitting articles to the Tale Feather is the 20th of the prior month. Please send articles to bigwavesanta@gmail.com or call (586) 925-0652 if you have any questions.



Open Board/Membership Meeting- 2nd Thursday of each month.

Happy Hours are the last Friday of the Month; watch calendar for locations.

Happy Birthday to you! Growing Older but not up... 

Kirk	Ritchie	Mar 2
Paul	Saloka	-Mar 4
Mark	Coddington	-Mar 4
Judy	Culbertson	-Mar 5
Ronald	Malendowski	-Mar 5
Mary	Strilcov	-Mar 5
John	Davano	-Mar 8
Steve	Morawiec	-Mar 9
Ken	Janiczek	Mar10
Dina	Miller	Mar12
Edward	Sadler	Mar12
David	Strilcov	Mar18
Monica	Green	Mar19
Susan	Cadwell	Mar20
Neil	Baxter	Mar21
Tony	Kay	Mar22
Susan	Zurvalec	Mar22
Linda	Pudlik	Mar22
Mary	Fernandez	Mar26
Kelly	Bammel	Mar27
Heather	Peasley	Mar29
Sue	Bales	Mar31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - WE'RE JUST CRUISING ALONG!

Veronica	McDougall	1995	15 yrs
Gail	Laabs	1997	13 yrs
John	Heimstadt	1998	12 yrs
Cindy	Heimstadt	1998	12 yrs
Kari	Hearsch	2002	8 yrs
Marshall	Perdue	2003	7 yrs
Je'Mel	Perdue	2003	7 yrs
Jeff	McDougall	2004	6 yrs
Dave	Downs	2004	6 yrs
Phyllis	Downs	2005	5 yrs
Nick	Spei	2005	5 yrs
Dee	Spei	2006	4 yrs
Mischelle	Duranleau	2006	4 yrs
Heather	Peasley	2006	4 yrs
Amanda	May	2008	2 yrs
Edward	Sadler	2009	1 yr
Karla	Sadler	2009	1 yr
Neil	Baxter	2009	1 yr
Lori	Baxter	2009	1 yr
Troy	VandenBosch	2009	1 yr
Molly	VandenBosch	2009	1 yr
John	Woolsey	2009	1 yr
Sharon	Woolsey	2009	1 yr
Gary	Golias	2009	1 yr
Rose	Golias	2009	1 yr
Margaret	Raddatz	2009	1 yr
Kirk	Raddatz	2009	1 yr
Lisa	French	2009	1 yr



**For club related/local events; go to website, updates often.
www.detroitparrotheadclub.com**



UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS!

Been to an event? Write about it! Have an event to add? Send it in. Please include a link to event website. More Regional and national events: there is a link on our website to the Regional Calendar.

Valparaiso Parrot Head Club: Valparaiso, Indiana

First Ever Snuggie Pub crawl

5:00 PM - 12:00 AM Mar 20, 2010

Meet at Duffy's in Valpo. Visiting 2 bars in Westville and 2 in Chesterton. Please RSVP (219-988-3328, 219-988-3328) by March 10th. Payment due by March 10th. \$20 per person.

Flipperstock: St Louis, MO

All Day Event Apr 10, 2010

[The Trop-Rock Event of the Midwest!](#)

Registration now open.

\$55.00 (\$50.00 for Margarita M.A.F.I.A. members)

Special Flipperstock pricing of just \$92.00 per night (+ tax) at our host hotel, it's a weekend package that you can't afford to miss.

Featuring [Jimmy & The Parrots](#) - [Stars On The Water](#) - [Hanna's Reef PHINS](#) - [Tall Daddy](#) - [Jim Hahn](#) - [Don Middlebrook 12 Volt Band](#) - [Allen Ross & The Beachballs](#)

Sunday Breakfast Buffet with Sunny Jim!!

Join us at Pujols 5 Restaurant & Grill - just a few steps from the Sheraton - for a full breakfast buffet, Sunday, April 11, from 10:00 AM till Noon, featuring the music of [James "Sunny Jim" White](#). Music and a meal for just \$20 per person!

NOTE: **You must be registered for Flipperstock to attend this event**

Go to www.flipperstock.com to register!!

Chicago Parrot Head Club Party in Parrot-Dise

All Day Event Apr 17, 2010

Key Lime Cove, Gurnee Illinois! www.keylimecove.com

877-360-0403

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Great rates for the rooms \$149.90 which includes admission of up to 4 people for the water parks. (Our block of rooms is under Chicago Parrot Heads. Friday evening [Todd Donnelly of Mr Myers](#) in the Crazy Toucan Margarita Grille, Saturday [The Boat Drunks](#) will be the Headliner.

Traverse City Parrot Head Club:

Cinco DeMayo Party

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM May 01, 2010

Get ready to party!!! [Tim Krause and friends](#) will be rocking the place from 7:00 - 10:00

Location: La Senorita Mexican Restaurant 1245 S. Garfield Ave. Traverse City, Michigan 49686

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[First Happy Hour of 2010 was Friday 1-29](#)

The sound of Steel drums, a heat wave, Tropical drinks and food... 30+ PH's shook off a bit of cabin fever at [Bahama Breeze](#) last Friday night.

We all enjoyed the sweet sounds of Dennis Farac serenading us with Trop rock, reggae, jazz and blues. There were even few Denny virgins there... who wondered where he's been all this time? Dennis is a former member of Air Margaritaville and has been playing at the Breeze for 9 years. Dennis plays the Breeze most Friday evenings from 5 to 11 pm. If it's been awhile or you've never seen him he is good and does enjoy playing for the listening ear.

[February Happy Hour was February 26th](#)

What is it about the [Parrot Cove](#)? Everybody shows up there. We filled the place all night and unofficial headcount was 40+.

Lot of memories in that place and we are attempting to reestablish the [Cove](#) as our home base. Will be there again in March and it's just a good place to stop by anytime. Food is always great, drinks poured by hand. Another 8 new members were introduced to our little piece of the Tropical Addiction. Really good to see those white Lei's. Remember, Pholks, make those white Leis feel welcome; you were a newbie once too. NOTE: **Pictures are already in the Photo Gallery**

[Photo Gallery getting up to date.](#)

On the website we have a [photo gallery](#). See if you are there. Hint. If you click on the thumbnail picture it will bring up the picture. *If you click on it again...it will enlarge.* Also, right clicking will allow you to save a copy to your pc.

There is also space for "comments" Have fun with it and make some comments. The webmaster monitors the gallery and comments, so please keep the comments in good taste.

[Lost but not found.](#)

Missing its home Home!!!

There is a very nice clear bowl / lid in need of its home. It was left at the Christmas party. If you are the owner please contact your Cruz Director.

[Events Calendar](#)

Keep checking the website as the [Calendar of Events](#) is updated frequently. Always some place to go and meet your Phriends.

The 2010 Highway Clean Up

We have adopted a stretch of highway many years ago in an attempt to do our part in keeping our world a little nicer. We clean Van Dyke between 16 and 18 mile roads. It's really a lot of fun, good exercise and we all look really cool in those orange vests. Pretend you are doing your community service time and join us. Sometimes we have coffee and donuts, mystery trash and often wrap up with a lunch. Only takes about 1.5 hours. Many thanks to [Jim Carlton](#) for coordinating this effort for many years and thanks to [Andy Sigler](#) for volunteering to be our new coordinator along with [Dan Paterek](#).

We begin at 9 am and meet at the at the Northeast corner of Van Dyke and 17 Mile Road --- Mark these cleanup dates on your calendar and give us a hand.

Spring - March 27, rain date - April 3 ---

Summer - July 10, rain date - July 17 ---

Fall - September 25, rain date - October 2.

Don't forget good walking shoes, gloves, and sun protection.

Fund Raiser at Vito's Pizzeria in Lincoln Park

Club Members Tom and Monica Green are proud that their 16 year old son, Colin has been selected by the People to People Program to be a Student Ambassador to Europe. They are hosting a fundraiser at Vito's Pizzeria Pool & Pub on Friday, March 12th starting at 7p.m. We hope you can come out, grab a bite to eat and a few cocktails, as it is sure to be a good time. Entertainment will be provided by none other than our phellow parrothead and phriend, [Chris Donley from Celebration DJs](#). There will be drink specials and various raffles. We hope you can make it out and join in on the phun! Vito's is located at: 3962 Fort St in Lincoln Park, MI 48146.

Memories last foreverreminders of life's journey is timeless

Almost 1 year ago, longtime Parrothead [Chris Keane](#) passed on. And while he has been gone awhile we wish to share some info that has been passed to us that is indeed timeless.

Chris passed away unexpectedly in April, 2009 (after fighting illness for a long time) and His memorial celebration was June 28'th. It was held at his favorite watering hole in his town of Haslette, MI and was a perfect setting for a fond farewell. Great little bar, close to the water and beach....just what he liked. Don Middlebrook was the M.C. and did a great job of going down memory lane.... special stories and insights of Chris that touched the heart. Chris's father spoke of times before we knew him, and filled us in on the earlier years. Chris was a teacher and below is a letter that his dad sent to Chris's fellow teachers at his school.

I remember.... a curly haired little boy on a rocking horse....teaching him to hit a baseball....an outstanding student and athlete in high school...the sports editor of our small town newspaper while in high school...the editor of the yearbook (we thought he would go into journalism)...a man who insisted on paying for much of his education himself...a proud father...an educator with passion for his students and desire to have those students share his passion for making our country better. Through it all I remember a lot of laughs and a gentle caring man. He lived life more fully than most of us. I loved his passion for his kind of music.(Don Middlebrook and Living Soul were a kind of family to him.) He probably fancied himself a better dancer than he really was, but if passion counts, he was a Barishnikov. Perhaps my greatest thrill was over the past several years he was even known to call me and ask "what do you think, Dad?" As you know his last years were filled with battles with poor health. He almost never complained. His last illness was a bone marrow disease I cannot pronounce. This affected most of his body including the parts of the brain that control motor skills and breathing. For his last weeks he had to use a breathing machine and be sedated. When life support was removed he slipped away gently. I had the honor of spending that time with my son. One of that last things Chris said to me was "Don't cry for me...when enough time has passed have a special event and celebrate my life. We will honor that request.

"Rest in peace Chris - we will always love and miss you. Keep that DPH spirit living on forever. You have now found your One Particular Harbor, and it's the best vacation yet".

If anyone would like to make a donation in Chris's memory, his school has established a scholarship foundation to help less fortunate kids with their college expenses. You can send a check made out to S.A.E.F. (Stockbridge Athletic Education Foundation) to Don Middlebrook, at PO Box 517, Haslette, MI.48840

Thank you to Jim and Kris Heidt for sharing all of this with us.

Jimmy Buffett Concert.....we party with a purpose

Spring is in the air; well, almost in the air. Partly sunny days are on the horizon and heat waves of 40° are promised by our forecasters and that means it's almost Buffett Concert Season!!! Soon we'll be dreaming of coconut bras and tailgating, ok some of us may dream of that on a regular basis, but now no one will judge us for it! ☺ Concert season also brings one of my favorite past times and that's summer fundraising!


Plans are in the works for our concert, pre-party charity fundraiser and although it's early, time flies as soon as the snow starts melting. The your club is now looking for fundraising help! The silent auction needs you! We are currently accepting donations for the silent auction and we're looking for people to pound the pavement and offer ideas.

- **We need:**
 - **Members that are willing to write/visit businesses, friends, co-workers, etc. to ask for donations.**
 - **Contacts/leads for donations**
 - **If you're too busy or you don't feel comfortable contacting someone, but you have a lead, send it my way! I will bug the heck out of your friends and favorite businesses for a good cause.**
 - **Donations for the auction**
 - **We love all physical auction items, but please feel free to "think outside the basket". Perhaps you have a skill that would make a great prize! I can package just about anything/anyone so let me know if you have a talent to offer! ☺**

We will have more information soon with more party details and updates the closer we get. Until then, if you are interested in helping in anyway please e-mail me at treasurer@detroitparrotheadclub.com.

Heather Peasley
DPHC Treasurer

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	Killer B's 9-1pm @ Kick Ass Sports Bar - 6
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting 7 pm Marinelli's 	12 Fund Raiser for Colin Green at Vito's Pizzeria	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Happy Hour at the Parrot Cove 	27
28	29	30				

Denotes official club event~ all other events are some things to do.



The Detroit Parrothead Club is a not for profit corporation whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs for its members a means of social interaction and meeting people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. We are proud to be the 5th official club in Parrot Heads in Paradise.