

# Trader John's Journal



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## New Newsletter, New Name

Well, as you can all see we have a new newsletter with a new format, new editor, and new name. The new name, Trader John's journal, has nothing to do with our illustrious club president as I'm sure many of you conjectured. Instead, it refers to a bit of history involving Jimmy and the city mentioned in our club's name, Biloxi. There was once a lounge, nightclub, bar, whatever you want to call it, on the beach in Biloxi called Trader John's. It was located approximately where Treasure Bay Casino is found today. As I understand it, this was the place that Jimmy worked when he

first went to Biloxi seeking fortune and fame. It is also supposed to have been the place where he had a problem with guitar strings breaking and the music lover proprietor that suggested that he wouldn't break so many if he didn't tighten them so much. So the newsletter's name relates directly to the beginning days of a fledgling musician in the city of our club's center.

The new format is, I hope, pleasing to most. Please feel free to make suggestion, contributions, anything. I am new at this and welcome all assistance. Even criticism is welcome as long as it is constructive. This job

came with the vice president position to which I was recently elected, and I wish to do the best job possible. My address phone number and email are listed on the back for your convenience in communicating with me. I would prefer anything sent my way to be in writing. And email is perfect for easy manipulation.

I realize that this is not much of a lead story for many news items of much more importance are to follow. But I considered it an important introduction and ice-breaker. Now, on with the news.



## Letter From Our President

**Happy Birthday Parrot Heads!!!** What a year it's been. When I look back at everything we've done, it's hard to believe it's only been a year. (And yes, I do remember almost all of it.) It's hard to believe that we haven't known each other for more than a year. I think we have been best described by Jennifer Hale, and I love this word, as being **AOrgiastic** when we're all together. Here's a

quick review of our seemingly endless carnival:

- Roadtrip to Nashville for JB Concert - Our 1<sup>st</sup> public appearance as a PHC
- Roadtrip to Mobile for the Fingers Taylor and AIA show
- Roadtrip to Daphne for the Mac MacAnally show
- WRANPS Charity Beach Volleyball Tournament B Raised \$1,200.00 for WRANPS

- Mississippi Beach Cleanup B Filled a bunch of garbage bags
- Roadtrip to Key West for MOTM -99 B We lead the 1<sup>st</sup> and last conga lines
- Adopted our Manatee, Ariel at the Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park
- Roadtrip to New Orleans for JB concert
- New Years Party with the

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### OFFICERS

- President: John Thornton*
- Vice President: David Barnes*
- Treasurer: Capt. Jon Bickel*
- Secretary: Debra Gaberty*
- Parrothead at Large: Larry McNeese*



Remember our website contains: regularly updated pictures, upcoming events, a way to join, information on our officers, our adopted manatee, our adopted band, lots of links, access to the Hunger Site, and a charity art auction that benefits the Alzheimers Association.

### Trivia

In which JB song is the line (borrowed from Star Trek) "Phasers on stun" found?

## Letter From Our President (Continued)

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New Orleans PHC B Raised \$193.00 for Alzheimers  
Roadtrip to New Orleans for the Blonde Stranger on Bourbon St. PHlocking  
Stars Fell on Alabama PHlocking with the Mobile and Montgomery PHCs B Raised \$2,000.00 for Alzheimers  
Bi-weekly food drive B 26 cases of people food B 2 ton of animal food

We've grown from 4 to 66 and made PHriends from all over the

country. We've formed such a close bond with the other area PHCs, it's sometimes hard for others to distinguish between us.

You guys are AWESOME!!! I'm just as excited about this club today as I was the day we decided to start it. I think we have assembled one of the greatest groups of fun loving and caring people you will ever come across. It's been one hell of a year and next year promises to be even better (I don't know if I can take it).

FINZ TO ALL—John



Some of our PHlock with a PHew PHriends at Louie's Backyard in Key West at MOTM '99



## Official Summer Tour Dates

June 8 & 10 - Camden, N.J.  
June 13 - Detroit/PineKnob  
June 15 & 17 - Virginia/Nissan  
June 20 - Virginia Beach  
June 22 & 24 - Pittsburg/StarLake  
July 13 & 15 - Atlanta/Lakewood  
July 18 - St. Louis  
July 20 - Indianapolis/Deercreek  
July 22 - Alpine/East Troy  
July 25 - Columbus  
July 27 & 29 - Chicago/The World  
August 17 & 19 - Cincinnati/Riverbend  
August 22 - Raleigh

August 24 & 26 - Baltimore  
August 29 - Jones Beach  
August 31 - Boston (Great Woods)  
September 2 - Boston (Great Woods)

*We have 10 club members going to the July 15th Atlanta concert, as well as a few elsewhere!*

### Upcoming Birthdays

In April:

Sarah Delaney  
Buffett  
Max Gianelloni  
Nick Richards  
Marta Sargent  
Glenn Zapfe

In May:

John Thornton

We have new club T-shirts available for \$10 each. Also beer skins with our club logo are only \$6.50.

## “Stars Fell On Alabama”

What a GREAT time we had. To quote our president: “WOO WOO”. The party never stopped. And quite an impressive donation of \$2000 was made to the Alzheimer Foundation.

The official festivities started with a Margaritaville Mysticks hockey game that included a “parrot head parade on ice” and costume contest. From there we went to Grand Cen-

tral for a concert by our own Rhythm & Rain. Afterwards, there were room parties that made getting up Saturday morning a challenge. But get up we did, because we had to catch the busses to LuLu's Sunset Grill to party with Rhythm & Rain again. This time they were joined by David Waugh of Tropical Steel playing the steel drums and congas. The place was truly jumping. There to enjoy the festivities as well as make her own personal con-

tribution for Alzheimer's was Jimmy's mom- what a grand lady.

After more than three hours at LuLu's, we boarded the busses once again to get back to the hotel for the balcony decorating contest. Top honors were taken by our club with second place going to the Mobile club. Third place was taken by the Web Board group while fourth

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place went to Biloxi club members (team of Jakubik, Bickel, and Barnes).

The Mysticks provided entertainment for the parrot heads prior to the Sat. night game against the Sea Wolves. After the game we

PHlocked again at Grand Central to party with A1A. And a grand time was had by all.

Sunday morning brought many sad farewells to old and new friends. And anticipation of the next big PHlocking comforted many a parrot head on their journey home.



Rhythm & Rain with David Waugh at LuLu's



Our club balcony took 1st place! Wooo Wooo!



Mobile's club balcony



Parrot Heads on Ice



Jimmy's Mom at LuLu's



Biloxi's other winning balcony



What an outstanding phlocking!



A1A at Grand Central

## Big Events

Two major events took place during December of last year. On Dec. 4th there was a concert in New Orleans. It was a part of the "No Passports Required" winter tour. More than just a concert, this event was a real experience. Our own Rhythm & Rain played the pre-

*"My interpretation of parrot heads is that they're basically pretty normal people with a slight strain of insanity in their makeup." -J. Buffett*

concert party at Margaritaville, and the place was truly jumping.

Also during December, but barely, was the New Year's Eve party. This was a collaboration with the New Orleans club, and a tremendous time. We were entertained by Rhythm &

Rain and Joe Bennett. David Waugh joined in with his steel drums. The evening moved into the new year with explosive force, and many of us were still at it until ~5:30 am on New Year's Day. The champagne and margaritas flowed freely, and we all survived.

### Trivia answer

*"When Salome Plays the Drum"*

## Changing of the Guard

Our club has had to replace officers over the last few months. The original people did outstanding jobs but for various reasons needed to vacate their positions. Patti Trehern left the office of secretary due to extended illness. Debra Gaberty has stepped into the office with enthusiasm. Sean Eifert was given a

military transfer requiring him to move to Virginia and ultimately Japan. David Barnes (yours truly) has filled the position of vice president and newsletter editor. And due to the upcoming transfer of Dave Luley to Hawaii, the office of treasurer is currently being transferred over to Capt. Jon Bickel. The shoes of these original officers will not be

easy to fill, and I know that we will miss them a lot. But I know that I fully intend to do my best for the club, and I feel sure that the other new officers feel the same.

Please join me in wishing our departed officers a PHond PHarewell and a round of best wishes.

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## Upcoming Events

The biggest of our upcoming events is our “Pascagoula Poker Run” and 1st Birthday Party. April 1st we will gather at the Dew Drop Inn in Mobile for one of Jimmy’s top ten chees e-burgers, registration, and first card. For \$10 each registered entrant has a chance at 40% of the pot for the best hand, or 10% for the worst. The other 50% goes to the Alzheimers Foundation. Cards are obtained at the stops: The Mill, State Line Bar, Kahunas, and Huck’s Cove. The birthday party will then commence at Huck’s with our favorite band starting to play at 7:00 pm. This will be a major event, you don’t want to miss it.

Next, on April 7th, there is a steel drum concert starring Robert Greenidge of the Coral Reefers and the USM steel drum band. Tickets are \$10 and \$15 and are available through Ticketmaster.

On May 13th the Coastal Alabama Parrot Head Club is sponsoring a “Cheese Burger in Paradise Regatta”. This event will take place at the Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile and will benefit Mobile Bay Watch.

Don’t forget the upcoming Meeting of the Minds 2000. It will take place in Key West on November 2-5. The theme this year is “Pacing the Keys”. Get your accom-

modations and registration settled soon if you haven’t already.

Keep in mind that we meet every other Wednesday and gather every Wednesday at The SandBar for Parrot Head Night. We have a great band in Rhythm & Rain and have a lot of PHun supporting them. Our food donations alternate between people food twice to animal food once. A glance at our website will let you know where and when the next meeting is, which food is called for, and much more.

Visit Rhythm & Rain’s website to keep up with their schedule. It’s linked.

[www.datasync.com/~rainj/rnr.html](http://www.datasync.com/~rainj/rnr.html)