

Trader John's Journal

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A Letter From Our President

Well PHlock,



Our club did its part once again in putting on one of the premier Parrothead events recurring each year. The 12th Annual "Stars Fell on Alabama" event was truly remarkable. The weather was perfect. The entertainment was awesome. The drinks were potent. But, most of all, the camaraderie among hundreds of festive Parrotheads made this event absolutely outstanding. And besides all of that, the event raised \$12,000 for charity. Last year STARS won the "Event of the Year" award at the Margarita M.A.F.I.A. Trop Rock awards. I would not be surprised to see it happen again this year. It is truly heartwarming to see our members enjoying themselves as well as pitching in to help put the event on. So many have told me that the opportunity to spend this kind of time with other Parrotheads from all over, some that they only see once or twice a year at most, is priceless. I agree completely. Even if our club wasn't one of the hosts, I don't think I would miss this event ever. I hope to see you all there next year.

David



Kimberly and David Barnes relaxing poolside at SFOA 2011.

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Officers

President: David Barnes

Vice President: Cyndi Moncreiff

Treasurer: Mike Ducote

Secretary: Katy Waugh

*Parrothead at Large:
Amanda Waltman*

Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

Name the JB song that includes these lyrics:

"I rounded first, never thought of the worst As I studied the shortstop's position"

Club Happenings

“Stars Fell On Alabama” was the place to be in March for the 12th year of this event.



This year's SFOA featured great musicians at The Island House pool during the day and in a tent on the beach at night, an evening at the Flora-Bama, and the “Unforgettable Bus Ride” to Lulu's Homeport & Marina for to an afternoon of music with The Boat Drunks. As always, the Welcoming Committee's famous Jell-O shots were a big hit! If you didn't make it this year, put it on your calendar for next year in March of 2012. And watch for those e-mail reminders so that you can get in on the fun early as a host club member.

12th Annual Poker Run and Birthday Party

SFOA was followed very closely by our own club's poker run and birthday party. The purpose: fun with a hand or two of cards (of course), and fund raising for the American Cancer Society. Half of the pot went to charity, and the other half was divided among the best and worst hands of the day. This year's winners were Alison Sharpe and Randy Hines. Thanks to the Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs for letting us use the Junkadelic Courtyard for the final hand, and for the serving of our club's birthday cake.

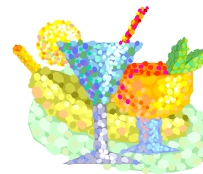


What Time Is It?

A big “Team Drink” goes out to the following club members:

David Barnes
 Kimberly Barnes
 Jan Bixler
 Kevin Eshelman
 (pour him a double, again!)
 Debra Gaberty
 Doug Gaberty
 Randy Hines
 Darolynn Hunt
 (pour her a double, again, too!)
 Bill Kuhn
 Chuck Power (give him a Jello Shot!)
 Eva Roehm
 Frank Roehm
 Amanda Waltman
 Katy Waugh

If your name is on this list, thank you for going that extra step or doing a little bit more to help with a club event, or to help out one of our club members in a time of need. If you were “Quietly Making Noise”, and your name's not listed, remind us so that we can thank you in our next newsletter. What time is it? It's time for that famous Team Drink! We'll have one of those at our next meeting ... and it's even better when you're there to be a part of it all!



*Those Songs That You
 Know By Heart ...
 "Growing Older But Not Up"*

from the album
 "Encores"



Places We're Going!

Another year, another new place to meet and eat ... complete with live music for our past several gatherings. Come on out, get some good groceries, hear the stories we can tell about past and upcoming events, and catch some of that live music.

We're now meeting regularly at Tom's Extreme Pizzeria:

Tom's Extreme #2
1006 Robinson Road
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228.872.4340

You can even place your order on line if you're in a hurry, or just wanting to pick up a meal:



<https://ordercounter.com/toms/locations.php>

We've also been gathering fairly regularly for socials on those Thursdays when we don't have a meeting. David's been sending out e-mails with information on where we'll be and how to get there. If you find a new location that you'd like to have the club visit for a social night, please let us know.

So far, we've visited places from Ocean Springs to Moss Point, and in between. We also added a new stop to our Poker Run this year that has a fantastic balcony with a water view: Rachel's Widow's Walk in Moss Point (<http://www.myspace.com/rachelswidowswalk>). Their menu is on line, and they're located at the foot of the Hwy 613 Bridge at 5542 Main Street, Moss Point MS (228-475-4885). Who knows ... you may even see a club member there singing karaoke!

If you're looking for a place to head out to, and it's not a meeting night or a social night, don't forget about some of those wonderful local spots where we've either met in the past, or our Poker Run (like The Original Shed BBQ, now getting famous on Food Network) and Poker Crawl stops along the coast and in downtown Ocean Springs. They'll be happy to see you.

State of the Phlock

We've received the word from Bob Heffelfinger, our PHiP, Inc., Director of Membership, on the 2010 activities of all 237 or so Parrot Head clubs world-wide (yes, there are clubs in Canada and Australia).

Total funds raised in the process of having PHUN: **\$2.9 million.**

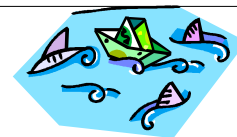
Volunteer hours: **215,000.**

And there's more icing on the cake: the Mary Loraine "Peets" Buffett Memorial Scholarship was awarded to three students here at the University of Southern Mississippi. When you're out and about and asking for donations & support, for events, share these numbers to get folks to join in!

Please remember to check your e-mail or to visit the club web site to check at <http://www.tabphc.com/events.html> for the latest news on club happenings!

PHIN Fund

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, to help out fellow Parrot Heads affected by these storms (including some of our own club members), the PHIN Fund was created. With flooding and the recent tornadoes, it will be called upon again to provide some relief. And the account is looking a little slim ... so for our next few club meetings, we'll be having a Matching fund drive for up to \$250 from our treasury to contribute. If you can't make a meeting, you can send a check to help us do our part. Thank you!



All We Need is Music ...



We lost two wonderful Gulf of Mexico musicians in 2010: David "Coconut Dave" Waugh and Troy Allan. They will live on in our hearts and minds through their music. Thanks to the work of friends and family, much of that music is still available on the web. You can hear and see "Coconut Dave" perform "Uncharted Waters" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7ugn0igFKE>. Some of his other songs are on line for listening at <http://www.myspace.com/coconutdavemusic>. One of Troy's last wishes was to have his new CD, "Party at the Bottom of the Pool", You can purchase Troy's music on line at <http://www.troyallan.net/>, and also listen to several of his best songs, including "Just South of Corpus", which was performed in his honor at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Minds, Key West, FL "Gypsies in the Palace".



20th Annual Meeting of the Minds, Key West, FL "Don't Stop the Carnival".

November 3 – 6, 2011

Yes ... it's true ... we're looking at twenty years of the annual event "Meeting of the Minds", and it will take place at the end of the road, in Key West, FL, from November 3 - 6, 2011. This will be a big year, and places and spaces are filling up fast. Registration closes at 3,500 people or on September 30, 2011. You can register on line until then through the PHiP web site at: http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Reg.asp.

"Don't Stop the Carnival" singers and songwriters announced to date with their toes in the sand of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and on the official music schedule for MOTM 2011 include:

Please consider other ways of making a bit of "island time" for yourself and your friends if you can't make that trip to the beach or to Key West. Visit web sites to listen to some great music, buy a CD, and especially to help support our Coastal trop rock musicians! A page of links on the PHiP web site that will take you directly to the home pages of all of these musicians and more: http://www.phip.com/MOTM_and.asp

Tropical rock is now an "official music genre", and there are many homes for listening to it on line, too, from Sandbar Radio to Radio Margaritaville. Tune in!

Our New Club Secretary

We've got a relatively new club officer who ran unopposed for to fill an office where the person who had the position wished to step down and let someone else take on those duties. So, if you haven't already done so, please welcome Katy Waugh to the slate of officers who do their best to help our club in its ongoing mission of "Serving the Northern Caribbean".



Our past Secretary, Eva Roehm, will remain involved in the club, but wants to slow down, enjoy life, and focus on other things, especially to relax a little more. We'll still expect to see Eva (and her husband Frank) during club events, but Katy will be our note taker and record keeper for all meetings and events for those famous "Parrot Points" that you'll need if and when Jimmy comes to town or in the area!

Club T-shirt? Beer bottle or soda can skin? Or are you interested in having a shirt or hat embroidered with the TABPHC logo? Get in touch with David at tabphc@yahoo.com, and he'll give you the details and prices for whatever club clothing and goodies you need!

PHundraising



It's been a busy time for our club since our last newsletter was published. In the final quarter of 2010 and the first part of 2011, we've had more than a few fund raising events, including the 2010 Alzheimer's Memory Walk, our first ever PHIN Crawl, "Stars Fell

On Alabama", and by our club's Poker Run, all helping our club's charities out while putting that PHUN in fund raising!

Really good news and a pretty big number first is this year's total for "Stars Fell On Alabama": \$12,000.00. Despite the economy and the oil spill, our time over in Orange Beach raised more than we had hoped for or expected for our host clubs charities. TABPHC will be presenting our portion of that as a check to the Alzheimer's Association, Mississippi Chapter: \$3,000.00 through our club's team, PHins PHorward. We'll get credit for that through this coming November's Gulf Coast Memory Walk and be able to add it to our total for that event.

In April, we had our club birthday party and poker run. Between people buying poker hands, raffle tickets, beer skins, and gracious winners who donated back their prizes, we donated \$800.00 to the American Cancer Society. Funds from the poker run, combined with our "Relay for Life" team's efforts in Ocean Springs on April 29, totaled of \$1,035.00.



Our effort to help feed those in need, the PHeeding PHrenzy, is our ongoing collection of funds and food to benefit The Lord is My Help soup kitchen and food pantry in Ocean Springs. In 2010, we collected canned goods and food fines that let us donate a total of 314 pounds of food to help feed the hungry.

So far in 2011, we've collected \$146.75 ... so it's time to give them a call and go grocery shopping for what's needed most by the pantry. It could be anything from peanut butter to can openers. Every item that we give to them is very much appreciated.

Let's keep up the fantastic work!

Club Anniversaries

If you've paid your 2011 dues (which were due on or about April 1, 2011, our club birthday and your "dues date"), thank you and "conga"-ratulations. YOUR dues and membership in TABPHC help us to do many of the things that we do, and to keep the club afloat and able to write those checks to the charities we help in times of need.

Your club anniversary date will stay the same, but your dues are due on our club birthday, which is celebrated on April 1 each year (island time). If you've already paid dues this year, then you're good until April 2012.

If you haven't paid your dues, or if you want to become a member of TABPHC:

New Members:

To join our club, please contact our PHearless Leader, David Barnes, at tabphc@yahoo.com. He'll send you an application form. First year dues include membership for a year, and a club T-shirt. Cost is \$30.00/Parrot Head, or \$55.00/Parrot Head Couple (and two tees). You can get all of the details, including where to mail your application, on the web at: <http://www.tabphc.com/member.html>.

Current Members:

To pay your dues (\$20.00/Parrot Head; \$35.00/Parrot Head Couple), please send your check, made payable to TABPHC to:

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and stories from Parrot Head
wanderings and events -
So please send them in!**

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Upcoming Events

"8th Annual Six String Music"

August 11 - 14, 2011

This is one of our two "big" club hosted events that feature our part of the world, and some of the great places that we can visit for more than a little entertainment, sun, and fun. If you still haven't made it over to New Orleans in August, it really is one hot time! There's music at Margaritaville and at the Tropical Isle and late night poolside, and if you can't have PHun, then "it's your own d**mn fault" (or that's what Jimmy would say). As always, funds raised help to support the work of the New Orleans Musicians Clinic, which provides free medical care to many of the local musicians who give so much to us through their music. Margaritaville, Tropical Isle, our own TABPHC, and the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Parrot Head Clubs all we all pitch in to put on this "August hot" event. James "Sunny Jim" White will be our musical host for the weekend, which begins with songwriter interviews on Radio Margaritaville, and ends with brunch at Margaritaville NOLA and lagniappe music shows at the host venues. In between, this is one the premiere places and events to get to really listen to the songs you know by heart and the stories behind them. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with the hosting of the event. This year, we'll be there the same weekend as the "Red Dress Run", which means we'll have even more PHun; if you want to, sign up to walk or run, or just "dress" for the event and the occasion.

Coastal Cleanup

We'll be at the Fort Bayou Boat Launch as always on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Look for updates by e-mail and at meetings!

Alzheimer's Memory Walk - "The Walk to End Alzheimer's"

Save the date of Saturday, November 12, 2011, to be a part of Team PHins PHorward in this annual event. Last year, the Biloxi walk was the biggest fund raising event in the state. It now has a new name - "The Walk to End Alzheimer's" - but the purpose is still the same; fund raising to raise awareness and find a cure.

"Meeting of the Minds" - Don't Stop the Carnival

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The 20th annual MOTM (yes, 20 years since it all started) will truly be a "party with a purpose" in Key West. Rumor has it that even Jimmy Buffett may be in town. This year's "party at the end of the road" includes the Coral Reefer Band, plus a bevy of other tropical rock performers. Registration is still open at the PHiP web site (http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Reg.asp). We're not sure what sort of new and different contests and games will be a part of the festivities, but we'll keep you up to date as we hear of all of the PHUN to be had!