



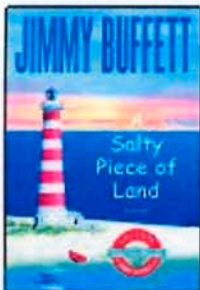
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*"Serving the Northern Caribbean"*

## "Coastal Confessions"

December 8, 2004 — New Orleans, LA



It's true — Jimmy Buffett will be in New Orleans on December 8, 2004, at the Theater for the Performing Arts. He'll be reading selections from his new book, "A Salty Piece of Land" (available from a number of sources; best prices are about \$16 through most on-line book sellers). Also on tap is an hour-long performance from Jimmy and his Beach Band. Tickets sold out within 48 hours, so if you're going, count yourself among the lucky few. The event will be simulcast to Regal Theaters ...

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## "New Years in the Northern Caribbean"

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 — Biloxi, MS

We'll be partying with a purpose again this year at Snapper's on the beach in Biloxi. Fun starts at 8:00 p.m., and will continue until well past the time that the ball drops. Fireworks at Casino Row will be visible from the beach, weather permitting. Bring your favorite party snack to share, and wear your favorite tropical attire. We'll be decorating with a tropical theme beginning at 6:00 p.m. — help with preparations and cleanup afterwards will get you extra "points" when it's time for concert tickets!



## "Stars Fell on Alabama"

March 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 — Orange Beach, AL



Another true rumor — this event, co-hosted by our club, Montgomery's Isle O' Bama PHC, and Mobile's Coastal Alabama PHC, is nearly sold out! The slate of entertainment looks much like the list from MOTM 2004, but there will be about 2,700 fewer people in attendance since registration is limited to 375 Parrot Heads. If you're still planning on participating, visit <http://StarsFellonAlabama.org/> as soon as possible to print out your form and get it in the mail ASAP. "Island time" won't get you to this fantastic event and fundraiser for Alzheimer's research!

## "Six String Music -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Songwriter's Festival"

August 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 — New Orleans, LA

Get your rooms early for this event! Best rates for poolside rooms at the venue hotel are available through December 15<sup>th</sup>; pre-registration is the best deal for this fundraiser and music-filled weekend co-hosted by TABPHC (that's us!) and the New Orleans club. Details are available on line at <http://www.nophc.com/> ...



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## A Letter From Our President



Well PHolks,

It's been a long time between newsletters, and a lot has happened. It has truly been a wonderful ride so far as your club leader. I've watched the club raise large sums of money for charity, participate in community service projects, and just plain enjoy the fellowship of a truly wonderful group of people. Parrotheads are a rare breed. We come from all walks of life. Quite honestly, most of us would probably never have met if we didn't have the parrothead spirit in common drawing us into this phine club. It always amazes me as well as making me so proud when we do so much good and have so much phun doing it.

I'm glad to see the newsletter resurrected. There are many reasons for its hiatus, and there were many roadblocks hindering attempts to bring it back. Cyndi Moncreiff deserves a lot of credit for pulling this thing together. I hope we can achieve our original goal of 3 or 4 issues per year.

As you can see, looking through these pages, we have several functions coming up, all ours and co-hosted, which will be requiring members to step up and pitch in. I'm hoping for a lot of participation so that we can spread the effort among many. If you're not sure what you can do, then ask. Your officers can direct you to tasks in need of your efforts. As always, everyone has a great time and feels quite gratified.

I hope this letter reflects my pride and hopes for this phine phlock. At this year's MOTM I discovered the extent to which our club has become recognized in the parrothead community. I heard of instances where we are used as "the good example". Imagine that. We're being invited to advise or otherwise help in the endeavors of others clubs. We must have them all fooled, huh. Anyway, it's just another reason that we all have to be proud.

Phinz y'all,

David

## MOTM News

Where does the MOTM money go?



During most of the past Meetings of the Minds, Parrot Heads In Paradise, Inc., has donated to the following Charity Donations:

Wesley House \$5,000  
Alzheimer's Association \$5,000  
Save the Manatee Foundation \$4,000  
Dolphin Research Center \$5,000  
Peets Buffett Scholarship \$10,000  
Canine Assistants \$5,000  
Key West PAL \$4,000

## "I Heard I Was In Town ..."

Registered participants at this year's MOTM who made it to the Casa Marina for the Peter Mayer Group show on the evening of November 4<sup>th</sup> got a real surprise and an ultimate Parrot Head treat. Mr. Buffett himself dropped in and played for nearly 2 hours on the back lawn, under the palm trees and next to the Florida Straits.



Photo credit: Kenny Jenkins, WAPHC

Nov 4, 2004

More MOTM photos are available on the web at <http://www.jimmydreamz.com/motm2004.html>, and a CD of collected photos is being compiled. More on that in the next newsletter!

**Trivia Question:** In which of Jimmy's songs will you find "...people speaking Hindu in the barbeque line"?

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stars Fell On Alabama" Update

"Did It Really Happen?  
Was I Really There?"



Orange Beach is recovering from the damages from Ivan. Hotels and establishments slated for use and entertainment will be open and ready for Parrot Head business by March 2005, if not a little bit sooner. Charlotte Skinner, a.k.a. "Mother Hen", reminds us that, "SFOA is only 4 months away. The club members of the Towns Around Biloxi, Isle O'Bama and Coastal Alabama have been working together to make sure that everything is in place for our 6th Annual 'Stars Fell On Alabama' and we are really getting excited that there will be 375 attending our event.

"For the last couple of years with the help of a lot of great PH's who "Party For A Purpose", each year we have raised \$10,000.00 for our charity and we are hoping to top that this year."

If you're not already registered for the meeting and with the host hotel, please visit the website (<http://starsfellonalabama.org>) to get information on the overflow hotel. You can also call the host hotel (Island House) to be added on the waiting list for a room there as rooms are canceled.

The entertainment lineup for our "Party For A Purpose" includes:

Eric Stone	Jack Mosley
Joe Bennett	Calypso Nuts
Jim Hoehn	PHINS
Sunny Jim and Jim Morris	
Jim Morris and the Big Bamboo Band	

With help from the members of all of our clubs, we're looking forward to having phun raising funds in LA (Lower Alabama) in March. If you haven't volunteered yet, or if you have ideas or items for the silent auction, please contact Susan Barnes ([barnz@bellsouth.net](mailto:barnz@bellsouth.net); 875-6471) and let her know what you have or how you will be able to help with this fund raising event.

**Trivia Answer:** "Bob Robert's Society Band" on the Banana Wind CD (and also on Disc 2 of the "Meet Me in Margaritaville" collection).



## The Flora-Bama

Still standing ... and their web site states "we're still here"! Once the breeze and water settled down a bit, this photo of the Flora-Bama was taken on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. Since then, the sand has been removed, and electricity and water restored to this venerable institution on the state line that is a "must stop" location for Parrot Heads, and the site of the pre-party for SFOA. In just a few months, we'll be there and "doing it on the line"!

## TABPHC Club Photo



Our club's photo is up on the PhiP, Inc, web site! Thanks go out to Elizabeth Kommersmith, Susan Barnes and others behind the scenes and with the PhiP Board of Directors (you can see them at <http://www.phip.com/photos.cfm>, and put names with faces).

### Surrender the Booty! (Club Stuph for Sale)

Members- Beerskins- \$6.50, Can Coozies- \$4.00  
Club T-Shirts- \$10.00

Anyone- Biloxi Bobsled t-shirts- \$15.00

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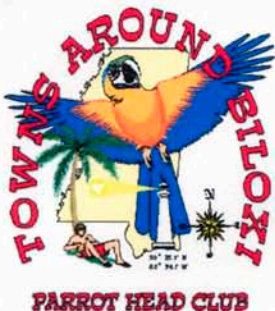
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## More News You Can Use

Our October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 volleyball tournament to benefit the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society (WRANPS) raised a total of \$1,500 for WILDlife.



WRANPS will be able to use this donation to purchase special foods needed for care of animals. It will also provide supplies for the cages and fencing used to keep animals safe and dry while they are in "rehab". This money is one of the main donations WRANPS receives each year.

## Upcoming Events

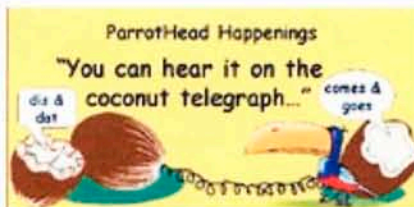
Thanks to the efforts of a very special group of devoted Parrot Heads, also known as Regional Communicators, there are now a set of regional calendars for each area of the world that's inhabited by recognized groups of club members. Club meeting dates for the southeast region of the US can be viewed at:

<http://www.localendar.com/public/SouthEastParrotheads>

PhiP events and major phlockings like "Stars Fell On Alabama" are shown on the PhiP calendar at:

<http://www.localendar.com/public/phiP>

So, if you'll be traveling to another city, or if you're looking for a place or an event to travel around, visit the regional calendar for the part of the world you'll be visiting, and the PhiP calendar for larger events that may be taking place. There are clubs in the United Kingdom, Canada, Honduras, parts of the Caribbean, and even "down under" — and a chance for new pun and phriends if you get in touch before you go.





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(Lunch 11-2; dinner 5-9)  
Fri & Sat: 11 am to Midnight  
(Kitchen open 11 am to 10 pm)