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PARROT HEAD CLUB

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A Letter From Our President



Well PHlock,

It's been a long time in coming, but here's a resurrection of our newsletter courtesy of your Vice President, Cyndi Moncreiff. Our club has faced a few challenges along the way, Katrina being a big one, but we manage to make our way OK. Keeping a newsletter going has been a challenge, but the lack of one hasn't really held us back. We'll soon get pictures posted to the website, just not yet.

You'll find some very important things in this edition. A list of members whose dues are owed over the next few months is one of those. We have several members in arrears and need to try to be current by the end of the year. If you have any doubts about your status, drop me an email. By consulting with our Treasurer, Mike Ducote, I can verify each member's standing.

Another thing you'll find in the edition is mention of my recent nuptials. Yes, I made the plunge again in a very parrothead fashion. It was in Key West, at the monument in front of "Shrimp Boat Sound", Jimmy's recording studio, just prior to MOTM, so we had a week-long reception with some of the best live TropRock music imaginable and about 3,000 phriends. Now we are on our 20 year honeymoon. I hope that most of you have at least met Kimberly. If not, when you do you're in for a treat.

Well that's about enough from me. Enjoy your newsletter.

David



Key West Wedding Party, November 4, 2009. Pictured from left to right: Bob Heffelfinger, James White, David & Kimberly Barnes, Deb Longhouser.

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Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

Name the JB song that includes this line:

"Oh the life of a sailor steers a wondering course."

MOTM Happenings

If you happened to be in Key West on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, and across the street from Kermit's Key Lime Shoppe at about 2:00 p.m., you were in the right place to catch a Keys-style wedding. Our club president, David Barnes, tied the knot with Kimberly Bradley. PHiP's Director of Membership and good friend Bob Heffelfinger performed the ceremony. One of our newest club members, Deb Longhouser, was matron of honor, and James "Sunny Jim" White was the best man. Pictures of the group in attendance were taken on the steps next to Shrimpboat Sound recording studio, and we've included one of the happy couple and their wedding party on the front page of this missal. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Saturday's festivities started with the "Fruitcakes On The Beach" Hat Contest at the Casa Marina. Your VP chaired the Hat Contest Committee, and contestants vied for the grand prize of MOTM 2010 registration and a room at the host hotel. Rumor has it there are even more pictures besides this one of the winning hat ... (Photo credit: Laura D., SBPHC)



What Time Is It?

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

Alison Sharpe
Manatee Trip Coordinator

Elizabeth & Mike Kommersmith
Coast Media Solutions
SFOA Videographers

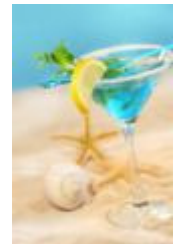
Eva Roehm, Team Captain
Gulf Coast Memory Walk

Captain Chris & Vicki Scott
Paradise Bar & Grill

Thank you for everything that you do to promote the Towns Around Biloxi PHC and its social events and fund raisers. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!

*Here's to you, here's to me
Here's to taking life easy
Fill my glass to the top,
and raise it high
We don't work out, we don't fit in
We've got some wild
and crazy friends
But that's okay, come what may
We'll get by*

Jerry Diaz
(c) 2004



Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

"Oh the life of a sailor steers a
wondering course"

is from "False Echoes"



Places We've Been

After Katrina, the club bounced around a bit for meeting places that supported live music. We finally found a home at Capt. Chris' Paradise Bar & Grill in Ocean Springs, and it truly was a paradise for Parrot Heads.

When the doors closed there in May of this year, the club began its quest for a new location that was centrally located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast - and willing to bring in trop rock music. We would like to thank the following venues for use of meeting space, and especially for the music when and where it was possible:

The Fillin' Station
692 Howard Ave
Biloxi, MS 39530

Mikey's On The Bayou
5600 Washington Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Crazy Fish Bar & Grill
1618 Bienville Blvd
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

High Cotton Grill
3516 Sangani Blvd
Diberville, MS 39540

We hope that you'll continue to patronize these fine establishments. All have great food and a fun atmosphere, and we may revisit them in the future as we wait for the hoped for completion of the Margaritaville Casino in Biloxi, and a possible new "roost" there.

We appreciate the places we've been in 2009!



Boat Drinks

For those of you who are fans of Lazy Magnolia Beer, there's a few new brews in their mix. Two beers are tributes to football teams in the state: Reb Ale and Southern Gold. And for those who prefer darker stuff, they've got Gulf Porter Growlers. Look for them soon in a pub or store near you that carries Lazy Magnolia products through FEB Distributing. Visit the brewery's web site if you're interested in a tour: <http://www.lazymagnolia.com/>

If your beverage of choice is a cocktail, Firefly Vodka made a big splash at MOTM as a sponsor. Their Sweet Tea vodka is distilled from muscadine grapes, so it's definitely got a Southern flavor. Made in South Carolina, they use locally grown tea, muscadines, and Louisiana cane sugar. It's available in Mississippi, and here's a cocktail:

Drunken Arnold Palmer

Fill a tall glass with ice.
Pour half full with
Firefly Sweet
Tea Vodka.
Add lemonade.
Stir and enjoy
responsibly!



We're still looking for a new "roost" for the club, so please remember to check your e-mail or visit the club web site at <http://www.tabphc.com/events.html> for the next meeting location!

All We Need is Music ...



If you're looking for something new to play in your car, at home, or on your MP3, you're in luck - several of our Gulf Coast musicians have just released new CD's full of great tunes, or music videos of individual songs. Here's a brief summary:

Troy Allan - "Just South Of Corpus"

Songs on the CD include the title track, plus "Margarita M.A.F.I.A.", "I Can", "Broke", "I'm Gettin Lucky Tonight", "2 things to do when it rains (and i don't read)", and 4 additional tracks. You can listen to and purchase Troys' music at <http://www.troyallan.net/> or <http://www.myspace.com/troyallansmusic>

Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef - "Home On The Gulf Coast"

This CD has eleven tracks of Texas Beach Music, and from the title track to "Gulf Coast Day", you'll be singing along with Jerry and the band. Tracks for listening and links to purchase CD's are at <http://www.jerrydiaz.com/> or <http://www.myspace.com/hannasreef>

Howard Livingston & MM24 - "I'm Living On An Island"

From their outboard blender to their, music, Howard Livingston & the Mile Marker 24 band generate PHun! Songs include "Here In The Conch Republic", the title track "I'm Living On An Island", and even an instrumental, "Here In The Conch Republic" These stories that are songs can be heard and purchased at <http://www.milemarker24.com/> or <http://www.myspace.com/milemarker24>

John Reno - "Big Ol' Johnson"

Double entendres and a big dose Of humor are on tap with this one. This new video was filmed and produced by Coast Media Solutions (our own Mike Kommersmith). Look and listen to this track and to John and the Half-Fast Creekers at <http://johnreno.com/> or <http://www.myspace.com/johnrenomusic>



Top of the Trop

If you've been to the Tropical Isle's balcony that looks out over Bourbon Street, then you've visited the Parrot's Perch. It's been officially renamed, and is now the "Top of the Trop", and a new home for Trop Rock music.



Over the weekend of November 13 and 14, 2009, the change was celebrated with performances by Brent Burns, Jerry Diaz, Troy Allan, and our own local trop rock musicians Coconut Dave and the Rhythm & Rain Trio. Pam Fortner and Earl Bernhardt, the owners, plan to feature Trop Rock music on the stage there every weekend.

DECEMBER 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Party		

Do you need a club T-shirt? 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 you need!



PHundraising

We began raising money as a club back in 2000 to donate to the Alzheimer's Foundation of the South, Mississippi Division. The donation from our first club birthday party and a Poker Run was \$240.00, plus an additional \$42.00 from the sale of temporary tattoos.

In March of 2009, our club made another donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation of the South, Mississippi Division from the same event: \$1,000.00.

We selected Alzheimer's to be our beneficiary from funds raised during "Stars Fell On Alabama", the annual event we co-host with our friends from the Isle O'Bama, Coastal Alabama, and Lower Alabama Parrot Head clubs. Our donation from "Stars" totaled \$2,600.00, and was very much appreciated.

In October of 2009, our club team, PHins PHorward, participated in the Alzheimer's Association Gulf Coast Memory Walk. With help from the friends and co-workers of several club members, the total dollars raised by Team PHins PHorward is \$1,526.00 to date.

We had two more raffles at meetings that took the team total over \$1,500 for the Memory Walk.

Total for Alzheimer's in 2009: \$5,126.00. Woo Hoo!



Club Anniversaries

Congratulations on another year with the club! If your name is here, then your dues are due ...

November

Ed Leonard
David Waugh
Katy Waugh
Darrolyn Hunt
Jim Smallwood
Debra Gaberty
Doug Gaberty
Sheila Peterson
Eva Roehm
Frank Roehm

December

Laurie Monk
Willie Monk
Steve Baker
David Eggen
Deanna Eggen
Wanda Donoho
Sonny Hancock

January

Betty Godso
David Davidson
Ramona Davidson
Kevin Eshelman
Ron DeBell

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

Mike Ducote, TABPHC Treasurer
3622 Reeves Lane
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

If any of your personal information has changed, it's also a great time to let us update your club records.

Beerskins, Anyone?

Do you find that your hand gets cold, or that your beer gets warm? Need a place to hang a bottle opener or keychain? Then you want a club beerskin! Price: \$7.00; ask David to bring one to the next meeting for you - or get two, and share!

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happy to share your pictures
and stories from Parrot Head
wanderings and events!*

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Upcoming Events

"New Years in the Northern Caribbean"

December 31, 2009 - January 1, 2010

Snapper's is back on the beach in Biloxi, and we hope to be there to ring in 2010! We're working on the details, so check the web site, look for e-mail updates, and come on out to the next meeting to get the latest information.

"Pardi Gras"

January 14 - 17, 2010

This event was recognized by the Margarita Mafia as the 2009 Parrot Head Event of the Year - and the pholks who put it on call it "the ultimate French Quarter party". This is the 13th year for Jerry Diaz and his krewe to hold the event, and the theme is "Rollin' On The River". Laissez les bon temps rouler!

"Stars Fell On Alabama"

March 4 - 7, 2010

The 11th year of "Stars" is sold out, but you can still plan a day trip to Lulu's to catch Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band on Friday night at the Flora-Bama, or to enjoy Jimmy Parrish & the Ocean Waves on Saturday afternoon. We're looking for club members to volunteer to help host this phantastic weekend of music and phundraising. We'll have sign-up sheets at meetings soon for volunteering for everything from raffle ticket sales to registration, so sign up early and often!

"Six String Music"

August 12 - 15, 2010

We're a host club for this fund raiser that benefits the New Orleans Musicians Clinic, and it gets better every year. Along with Margaritaville, Tropical Isle, and the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Parrot Head Clubs, we'll be working to support NOMC in their efforts to provide free medical care to New Orleans musicians. We'll also get to listen to some awesome and original trop rock music.

"Meeting of the Minds" - Gypsies in the Palace

November 4 - 7, 2010

The 19th annual MOTM promises to be an amazing weekend of music and "partying with a purpose" in Key West. According to Charlotte Skinner, our PHiP Director of Conventions, "the Order of the Sleepless Knights will now assume the throne", which means that we'll be in for another musical treat and party at the end of the road. Stay tuned for more information!

Check out other events at <http://www.phip.com/RegCal.asp>