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# USELESS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BERKS COUNTY PARROT HEAD CLUB

\$1,000,000

**BCPHC  
THERMOMETER  
OF GIVING**

\$530,000

\$400,000

\$300,000

\$200,000

\$100,000

Charitable  
Fundraising to date



*"Going over \$513,000.00 in contributions to Berks County Charities was a rewarding accomplishment and should makes us all proud.."*

— DENNY LORAH  
BCPHC President

# Oh Yeah!

## \$1,800 raised in one hour for homeless Berks vets at 2015 kick off meeting

**H**ello all Parrot Heads and a special welcome to our new members. Thanks to all of you for your efforts and dedication to our Berks County Parrot Head Club and our community in 2014. Going over \$513,000.00 in contributions to Berks County Charities was a rewarding accomplishment and should makes us all proud.

January 6th was our first meeting of the New Year and was hosted by Jimmy G. and April at the Beverly Hills Tavern. It was a snowy, cold Tuesday night but that did not keep our BCPHC members away and we started the year in grand fashion.

Gary Kraft took the floor and spoke about the Blankets of Hope and explained their program. He also talked about the reason why we could not select them for one of our major events. Gary then presented a thoughtfully described plan to help the Veterans Making a Difference Charity by supplying blankets to their homeless individuals from Blankets of Hope. Gary's passion and the support of the club members was emotional for everyone and it was announced that the BCPHC would match our member contributions up to \$1,500.00 to purchase blankets.

While Dead Jimmy played some familiar tunes, our members raised over \$1,800.00 in one hour. We purchased 100 blankets and by Friday of the same week they were distributed to the homeless. I have been involved with many charitable causes in my life but this was one of the most amazing displays of giving I have ever seen. For all of you to open up your hearts and wallets in this generous way has kept me warm all winter, and we all know how cold it was.

We have a new Board of Directors and some very enthusiastic Committee Chairs. We are looking to make your Club fun and rewarding for all. Please join one of these committees or reach out to them with your thoughts or ideas. 2015 could be our best year ever and I look forward to your participation, whether you are a Charter Member or first year member.

Happy to be a part of it all.

Your Prez,  
Denny



See "Charity Update" on page 3

**TAKE THE WEATHER WITH YOU**

Got some great getaway photos? Submit your vacation pictures to [MargaReedsville@yahoo.com](mailto:MargaReedsville@yahoo.com)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****EVENTS/MARKETING**

The Events / Marketing Committee is busy finalizing details for Parrot Daze at the new venue, Willow Glen Park. Also, the location of Cabin Fever 2016 has been moved to the new Double Tree Hotel. Next meeting is April 21 at 6:30 at Ganley's. Please consider joining us!

**MEMBERSHIP**

The membership committee meets once a month. We have gained 10 members since cabin fever and our total right now is 177. We are in the process of setting up a get together to meet our new members. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 at Brick House Pub, 1348 Brook Blvd. New members are welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We will be having our Spring Highway Clean-up on April 26th and are looking for volunteers once again. Our next big event will then be Summer Parrot Daze on July 11th. We will need our usual number of volunteers to help make this event successful once again. If you plan to attend this event, please commit some of your time to volunteering. It helps the club which in turn helps the charity. Thanks again for your time.

**ONE PARTICULAR PHLOCKING / APR. 17-19**

MT. LAUREL NJ.

**HIGHWAY CLEANUP / APR. 26**  
1pm**TIKI TIME/ APR. 29**

ISLAND PIZZA, MARK JAMES

6-9pm

**PUB CRAWL / MAY 2**

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase your tickets for the Pub Crawl which will be held on May 2nd. If you have never attended this event, you are missing a great time. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the next meeting on April 7th. We never know where we will go and that is part of the fun. Dressing like a Pirate or Wench is a must as we visit various places and look for the clues. I hope to see many of you join us as we set out on this adventure.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT / JUNE 27**

CHAPEL HILL GOLF COURSE , JIMMY & THE PARROTS

**PARROT DAZE / JUL. 11**

WILLOW GLEN PARK, JIMMY & THE PARROTS

12-10pm

**TIKI TIME/ JUL. 15**

BEVERLY HILLS TAVERN, SCOTT KIRBY

6-9pm

**CABIN FEVER / JAN. 30/16**

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, DOWNTOWN READING



## Cabin Fever

### From a Member's View

By JERRY Standefer

Being a Berks County Parrot Head member since 2008, I always try to attend all the events and happy hours when possible. Usually my wife and I are in Florida during our annual Cabin Fever event but this year we were able to attend. Here are a few observations that I personally made this year.

I arrived early to help in any way I could with setup. I was asked to tie balloons which contained a ticket to be drawn for a chance to win a guitar autographed by Jimmy Buffett. Not hard work but a big help to all those involved. I noticed other people setting up merchandise at tables, helping with tables, and with the live auction items. Many thanks goes out to the Crowne Plaza staff who setup tables and arranged them around the room.

We did not expect as many people that showed up but after adding more tables, accommodations were made. It is hard to please everyone but our club officers did their best! Let's not forget the real reason for having Cabin Fever is to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation.

One of the favorite items was a cabinet



filled with various alcoholic beverages. Keys were sold to see if your key would open the lock on the cabinet. If your key opened the cabinet then you got all the contents of the cabinet; a real favorite among attendees. Many baskets arranged by the merchandise committee were auctioned off in silent auction format. This is always a favorite of our guests in attendance.

The entertainment was provided by Jimmy and the Parrots, always a crowd pleaser with their high energy music!

This year's event raised \$17,000 for the

Epilepsy Foundation who are very appreciative of our club's effort. One thing that we do when we have an event like this is that we learn from it and improve the event the following year. This is why the Berks County Parrot Head club is such a great club, giving back to the community. Just one member's view of our Cabin Fever Event! ■



MORE PHOTOS on page 9



### Six clubs representing PA and NJ come together for a special one-of-a-kind, three-day charity event.

By DEB Motika

This is the inaugural event everyone has been waiting for. Six clubs equally representing Pennsylvania and New Jersey have joined in to make this a very special event that promises to be one of a

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**PLACE:** Wyndham Hotel  
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

**DATE:** Friday to Sunday  
April 17-19, 2015

**REGISTRATION OPENS:**  
Friday at 1:00pm

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kind. An organizational group of representatives from Berks County Parrot Head Club, Coastal Jersey PHC, Jersey Shore PHC, Philly Phins, Phlock of South Jersey, and Pirates in Paradise have worked for months to bring this event to fruition. Behind the strong leadership of Philly Phins President Jeannie Dougherty, the event is ready to set sail.

Headlining the 3-day event will be Will Kimbrough and Jim Morris and the Big Bamboo Band on Friday. Saturday brings top acts Jimmy and the Parrots Duo and the Boat Drunks. Local acts include our own Dead Jimmy, Latitude 24, Tropical Soul, and Mark James.. Jersey and Philly favorites, Gary Philips, John McGarvey, Nicky Fabbz, John Hanney and Toes in the Sand round out the awesome entertainment.

As of the third week in March the event has sold out. The hotel rooms are booked, the meals are planned and the drinks will be flowing in true parrothead form. Raffle prizes including

a Jimmy Buffett Autographed Guitar and a hand painted Adirondack chair are just some of the great items to be won by some lucky parrotheads.

Those of you who have committed to joining in the PHUN will not be disappointed. Many fun and exciting events are planned including Pirates and Wenches dress up contest on Saturday afternoon, with prizes, so remember to bring your best garb to don.

Least we forget, the real winners of the event are the charities that will benefit from all the fun and games with a little debauchery thrown in for good luck. Veterans Making a Difference (BCPHC chosen charity), Greater Philadelphia Chapter ALS, The Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Philadoptables, Wounded Warrior Project, and Camp No Worries will be the charities to benefit from the First Annual OPP. ■



*Jimmy & The Parrots Trio*

*Boat Drunks*



*Dead Jimmy*

*Latitude 24*

*Tropical Soul*

*Mark James*



# WHAT'S UP WITH JIMMY



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## 2015 TOUR DATES as of publication date



Day	Date	City	Venue
Wed	04/01/15	Key West, Fla	San Carlos Theater
Thu	04/09/15	West Palm Beach, Fla	Cruzan Amphitheatre
Thu	04/16/15	Orlando, Fla	Amway Center
Sat	04/18/15	Tampa, Fla	MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheatre
Fri	04/24/15	Orange Beach, Ala	The Amphitheater at The Warf
Sun	04/26/15	New Orleans, LA	JAzz Fest
Thu	05/28/15	Houston, Tex	Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavillion
Sat	05/30/15	Frisco, Tex	Toyota Stadium
Tue	06/02/15	Atlanta, Ga	Gwinnett Center
Thu	06/04/15	St. Louis, Mo	Hollywood Casino Amphitheater
Sat	06/06/15	Kansas City, Mo	Sprint Center
Sat	06/20/15	Bristo, Va	Jiffy Lube Center
Tue	06/23/15	Cincinnati, Oh	Riverbend Music Center
Sat	06/27/15	Chicago, Il	First Midwest Bank Amphitheater
Sat	08/15/15	Mansfield, Ma	Xfinity Center Center
Tue	08/18/15	Wantagh, Ny	Nikon at Jones Beach Theater
Thu	08/20/15	Camden, Nj	Susquehanna Bank Center
Sat	09/26/15	Paris, France	La Cigale
Sun	09/27/15	Paris, France	La Cigale
Thu	10/15/15	Santa Barbara, Ca	Santa Barbara Bowl
Thu	10/22/15	Los Angeles, Ca	Hollywood Bowl
Sat	10/24/15	Irvine, Ca	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

## Great God o' mighty It's a TV guide



Jimmy Buffett appeared on the CBS show Hawaii Five-0 on Friday night (March 6). In the episode titled "Pono Kaulike" (Hawaiian for "Justice For All") Buffett reprised his role as Frank Bama.

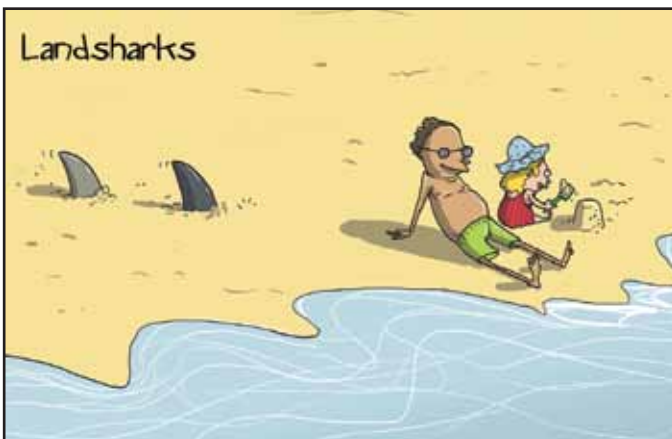
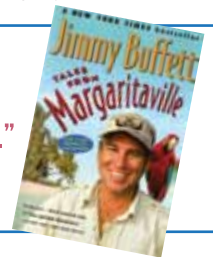
The show can be viewed online at CBS.com. You can see the segment with Buffett starting at 29:13, it starts with Jimmy singing Al Green's "Let Stay Together".

## Don't look at me. Jimmy said it.

Quotes in the key of Jimmy

"NEVER FORGET—"THEY" ARE ALWAYS THE ENEMY."  
"JUST REMEMBER, A\*#HOLES ARE BORN THAT WAY, AND THEY USUALLY DON'T CHANGE."

— Jimmy Buffett, *Tales from Margaritaville*



## Album Trivia

1. Which album has these songs on it: "Trip Around the Sun", "Simply Complicated", and "Hey, Good Lookin'"?
2. On which album would you find "Stars Fell on Alabama", "It's My Job", and "Growing Older but not Up"?
3. Where would you find "Margaritaville", "Biloxi", & "Banana Republics"?
4. Which album has "A Love Song (From a Different Point of View)", "Fins", and "Volcano"?

### Answers:

1. License to Chill 2. Coconut Telegraph 3. Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Altitudes 4. Feeding Frenzy

## No Name Pub

### A must stop for Lower Keys Travelers

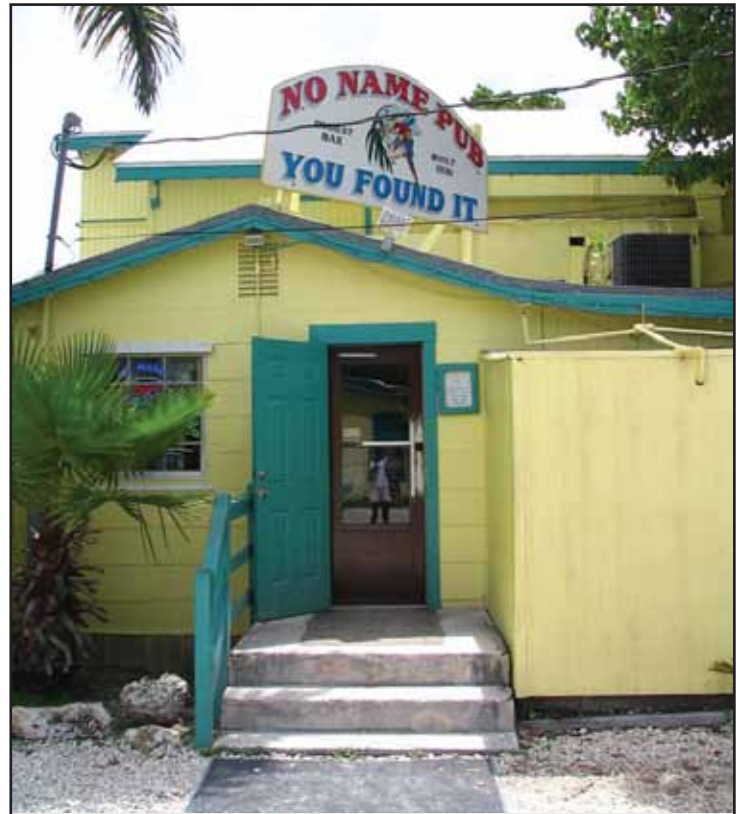
By DENNY Lorah

“As many of you know, this is one of my favorite places. On a recent trip to the Keys, I introduced a friend to the now popular spot. It brought back memories of the many friends I have introduced to No Name over the last 20 years. Glancing around the pub, many fond memories shared with great friends and fellow Parrot Heads came flooding back.



In the 40's the brothel was closed down because the fisherman were said to be more attractive then the working girls.

I would like to share a little No Name history with my Parrot Head Family. The building in 1930 was originally a general store and a bait and tackle shop. In 1936 a side room was built and the now famous Pub was born. In the late 1930's the upstairs was converted into a brothel in an attempt to increase business. In the 40's the brothel was closed down because the fisherman were said to be more attractive then the working girls. In the mid 50's the bait and tackle and the general store were closed. No Name was added to the Pub and it quickly became a Key's hangout. In the 60's two cooks from Italy



No Name Pub, Big Pine Key, Florida

came over and the still famous pizza was introduced. When the cooks left they wrote the recipe on the kitchen wall so no one would ever forget it.

In the 70's and the 80's a lot of illegal money was passing through the Keys and No Name was a place many people would party and dance at. During that time it was the start of another now famous event, people putting dollar bills on the walls with special messages! Looking around the No Name during my last visit, I couldn't possibly recall where my dollar bills were or even how many I stapled to the walls over the years. There is now an estimated \$180,000 decorating the Pub and seating areas.

Although it is now a famous tourist spot, I feel blessed that a local friend took me to No Name Pub over 20 years ago and the building and the food hasn't changed. This is a must stop for any of you traveling in the Lower Keys. For me it is full of great memories with friends I will never forget and dollars I can't remember. ■



## SUMMER PARROT DAZE

JULY 11 • Willow Glen Park • Music by Jimmy & The Parrots



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By DAVE Hartranft



Windows filled with long lost dreams  
Unfinished songs on rusty strings  
From Nazareth across the sea  
She'd somehow caught up with me  
Her fait accompli

— JIMMY BUFFETT  
*Rue de la Guitare*

Jimmy sings of a D-18 played Lightfoot clear in the shops and bars along Rue de la Guitare or the Street of the Guitar. 510 Sycamore Street may not be the French Rue de la Guitar but rather the birth place of the D-18 and numerous other styles of perhaps the most sought after guitars in the world - those created by the C.F. Martin company in Nazareth PA.

Recently Jerry Standefer, Gary Atkinson and I made the pilgrimage to Nazareth to see for ourselves how the guitars that have written so many of the songs we have all come to love were made. Upon arrival, we were greeted by the factory receptionist, a motherly woman with a warm smile and folksy demeanor. She issued us our "Back Stage Tour" badges and quickly pointed out a waiting area stocked with tens of thousands of dollars of the Martin product. Not behind glass or with signs that exclaimed do not touch, but to the contrary,

they were there just waiting to be sample-handled and played. I was drawn immediately to an amazing D15M. From the minute I picked it up and strummed the first chord, I knew what the allure of Martin was all about. Warm mid range tones, crystal clear bright trebles...but it's all about the bass. Deep rich bass tones born of the all mahogany construction. The D15M sounded as beautiful as it looked with it's natural satin finish.

Each and every day the 600 plus prideful Martin employees create 300 "American Made" works of art. Martin stocks 3 years worth of wood from around the world (some of it 400 years old) to produce their collector creations. They also construct a brand of synthetic wood that produces the same high quality sound for those enthusiasts on a limited budget.

Our two and a half hour tour flew by like a drunk friday night and as it came to an end and as we navigated our way past the museum and through the gift shop, someone asked which one I was going to take home. I simply replied "if I take one... I will no longer have a home to go to." ■



# CABIN FEVER

## JAN 30 2016

at the ALL NEW DOUBLETREE HOTEL Downtown Reading



# THE FINAL WORD

## Cabin Fever Photo Booth



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Useless and Important Information is a publication of the Berks County Parrot Head Club, a non-profit organization based in Reading, Pennsylvania. The club's mission is to promote friendship and organize social activities for people who share a tropical spirit, an affection for island music, and the desire to contribute to the betterment of the community through a variety of volunteer and charitable efforts and functions.

The BCPHC was chartered in 2002 and is affiliated with Parrot Heads in Paradise, the national organization governing all Parrot Head clubs across the United States. This publication is produced by the staff of the club's newsletter committee and is a vehicle to exchange information about club activities and social events. Any opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors alone and not necessarily those of the BCPHC or its leadership. The images, articles, and graphics in this newsletter are the property of the BCPHC and may not be reproduced in any way without the permission of the club leadership.

Anyone who wishes to help further the mission of the organization is invited to join and participate. More information can be found on the club website, located at

<http://www.berkscountypbc.org>

### THE BOTTOM LINE



**it's all about the charity**