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From the President's Perch

Hello to all and I hope your summer was wonderful. As

fall approaches, our Berks County Parrot Head Club will be back in full swing starting with the September 2nd meeting at the Spruce.

To recap the summer activities, our golf outing in June was a huge success and a big "thank you" goes to Jim and April from the Railroad House for sponsoring the event. The Berks County Parrot Head Angel Foundation received \$11,000.00 from the proceeds. Thanks also go to all of our volunteers for their efforts. Next was our Parrot Daze Party, and this was one of our best ever. Berks Women in Crisis, our 2013 charity, was a very deserving one and a pleasure for the BCPHC to work with. July 20th was a hot and humid day, but that did not stop the volunteers of both groups from making the event a huge success, raising over \$23,000.00 for BWIC. Membership also obtained twenty new members for the club! Great fun was had by all, and it was a very rewarding day for all. I salute you for your dedication to the people and organizations in our community.

Our next event will be November 30th, 2013 to benefit Crime Alert Berks. There is a different format this year and it will take the place of the Christmas Concert. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza and will be a dinner dance with two bands. Junior's Farm and Jimmy and the Parrots will be playing a variety of different tunes. After that we will hold the annual Winter Cabin Fever Party on February 22nd, 2014, and the charity will be Mary's Shelter. The Mango Men will be back by popular demand.

Please mark your calendars as you will not want to miss either of these two events. Oh, and yes, we do need volunteers to make these events a success.

Growing older but not up!

The Prez, Denny Lora

ParrotDaze 2013

Lou Mancano



The day was Saturday July 20, 2013. The forecast was uncertain. As a cool front approached from the northwest, meteorologists were predicting a 50% chance that Parrot Daze would be interrupted by severe thunderstorms, high winds, and lightning strikes. Despite that uncertainty, the Berks County Parrot Head Club was 100% certain that the event would become another fundraising success. This year, the chosen charity was Berks Women in Crisis (BWIC), an organization that provides a safe haven and ongoing support systems for local victims of domestic violence, sexual assaults, and other atrocities.

Following months of planning, BCPHC and BWIC volunteers gathered on Saturday morning to prepare the Reading Liederkrantz for the main event. Banners and decorations were hung, merchandise was arranged, and by 2:00 PM the party was ready to begin. As soon as patrons entered the gate, the disc jockey did a great job getting individuals involved in karaoke and trivia games. Concurrently, food and beverage stands opened, and pitchers and glasses began to fill and empty. Jimmy and the Parrots followed, and in their usual lively style entertained the crowd with trop rock and sing-along classics. At intermission, the live auction included an autographed Johnny Depp "Pirates of the Caribbean" poster, a Fender guitar signed by the entire Bon Jovi band, a week's vacation in a Key West condo, and many other interesting items. Following the auctions, brown-eyed girls, Mexican cuties, jolly men, and yes, even a few of God's own drunks sang and danced, and rocked and rolled to what might have been the equivalent of a Livingston Saturday Night.



Our club would like to recognize and thank the Parrot Daze sponsors, as well as volunteers from both the BCHPC and BWIC, for their support and effort that made for yet another fun and successful community event.



Photos courtesy of Denny Lorah

Scenes from the 2013 Parrot Daze at the Reading Liederkranz



Photos courtesy of Denny Lorah



On Board the Leaky Tiki

By Deb Motika

The BCPHC “Leaky Tiki” pirate ship float was at the Reading Fightin’ Phils VIST Bank Plaza on Sunday August 11th for the Redner’s Kids Club Pirate Hornswaggle and Princess Tea Party.



The day began with our own Captain of the Ship, Bryan Gentry, commanding the float to the VIST Bank Plaza area inside First Energy Stadium. Bryan did an awesome job of preparing the ship

for the many pirates and princesses who made their way up, over, inside and out the ships planks. Madam Veep Eileen led the charge of the wenches and pirates who volunteered to make this event a rousing success. Starting way before the gates opened for the kids’ party, volunteers were on hand to plan for a safe and kid-friendly adventure. BCPHC members and family were stationed at all the important points of entry and exit of the ship to ensure safe passage. It was a hot steamy day but order was maintained for several hours as we hosted many parents and children on the ship. Many pirates with their balloon swords and beautifully dressed princesses with their tiaras boarded and roamed the ship.



Once the kiddies made their way to the helm, many of them were hoisted overhead to get a photo. The parents were having great fun too. The stationary wheel, that 95 percent of the children insisted on attempting to turn, was challenging. On a number of occasions, the event turned into a fantasy. The deal I would make with the children is that I would allow them to grab ahold of the ship’s wheel only if they agreed to pretend they were on a real ship on a huge ocean. I would then describe the ship going up and down, the waves splashing salt water in their face, the whale’s blowhole shooting high into the air.

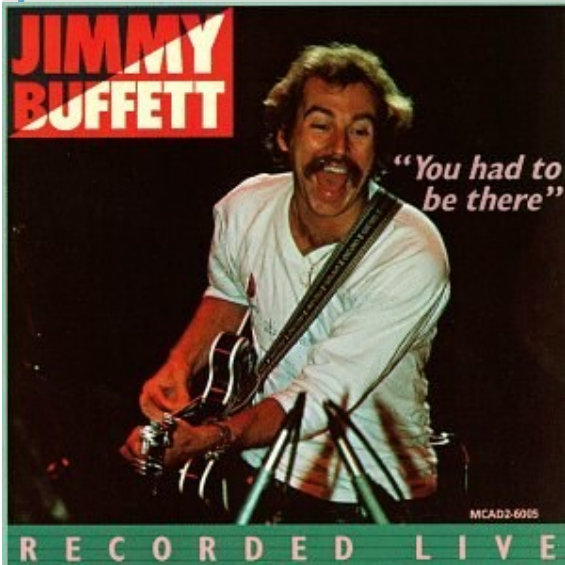


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Classic Album Rewind

"YOU HAD TO BE THERE"

By Mike Kerper



When someone wants to get the most bang for their Buffett buck from one single purchase, they often buy "Songs You Know By Heart" (Let's be honest, we all own a copy or two...). For someone who wants to experience what a Buffett show used to be like, while still capturing a boat load of classics, I'd highly recommend "You Had To Be There." This is far and away my favorite live Buffett album.

Recorded during the Cheeseburger in Paradise Tour, "You Had To Be There" is a compilation of songs recorded in August of 1978 from shows at the Fox Theater in Atlanta and the Maurice Gusman Cultural Center (also known as the Olympia Theater) in Miami. Ironically, Cheeseburger in Paradise was not included on this album. Story has it that Jimmy's producers didn't want two versions of the same song competing for spots on the Billboard chart at the same time. Jimmy released this as a 19-song, double album set in October of 1978. Thirty five years later, you can download it on iTunes. Oh, how far the music industry has come...

So what makes this compilation different from the rest of his live LPs? For starters, this was the first time you could purchase Jimmy live. It was 1978, and times were different (so I'm told, I was only born in '81), and you can tell when you listen to these songs that Jimmy's shows were different. It was much more of a simple sound. There were no steel pans and the sound was much less sophisticated. The only member of the Coral Reefer Band on this tour that still remains with him is Michael Uteley. This album is much more folkly and raw. It has an unfiltered raw sound. Some of my favorites from "You Had To Be There" are *Come Monday*, *Dixie Diner*, *Wonder Why We Ever Go Home*, *A Pirate Looks At Forty* (Jimmy wouldn't turn 40 for another 8 years from the recording date), and *Havana Daydreamin'*.

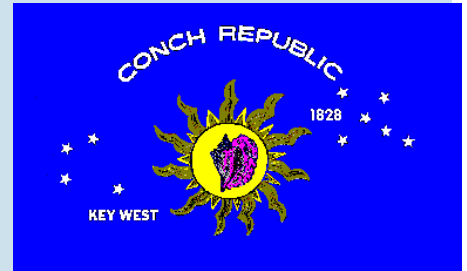
Today, Jimmy packs tens of thousands of people into open-air arenas. This album was recorded in theaters that look similar to Reading's own Sovereign Center for the Performing Arts. This recording took place before the Parrot Head "movement" (the term "Parrot Head" wasn't coined until 1985). I can't imagine there were more than a few thousand people present for any given show.

As much as I love Jimmy's newer tracks, I will always be drawn to his older music that reflects his Key West roots. This album was recorded at the peak of his Key West days. For those of us who weren't fortunate to have seen Jimmy from the beginning, this is the closest thing to it (except for his MOTM performance on Duval St. a few years ago, but that's a different story/article). If you want to hear the live version of all of Jimmy's most popular and not-as-popular hits, definitely go grab "You Had To Be There." Since you weren't there, this is the best you can do!

Trivia :

So you think you know Key West?

Lou Mancano



Jimmy Buffett and Jerry Jeff Walker arrived together in Key West, Florida back in 1971. Jimmy settled there for several years, writing and performing some of his greatest hits, making some people and places in that southernmost key famous to his listeners. Here's some trivia about the place that best captures Jimmy's carefree island persona. How well do you know Key West? (The answers can be found on page 7)

1. During the Civil War, which flag flew over Key West ?
 - a. Union
 - b. Confederate
 - c. Spain
 - d. it's own (independent)
2. Key West is the southernmost city on the U.S. mainland. Which of the following cities is closest to it?
 - a. Miami, FL
 - b. Havana, Cuba
 - c. San Juan, PR
 - d. Kingston, Jamaica
3. The sand on Key West came from where?
 - a. Local limestone erosion
 - b. Caribbean islands
 - c. Hawaii
 - d. Miami
4. Currently, what time does Happy Hour begin at the Schooner Wharf Bar?
 - a. 7 AM
 - b. 10 AM
 - c. 12 noon
 - d. 4 PM
5. All of the following motion pictures were filmed on Key West EXCEPT which one?
 - a. PT 109
 - b. License to Kill
 - c. Running Scared
 - d. Cocktail
6. U.S Highway One runs from Mile Marker 0 in Key West to where?
 - a. Providence, RI
 - b. Fort Kent, ME
 - c. Albany, NY
 - d. Boston, MA
7. Ernest Hemingway's House is a tourist attraction in Key West. Most of the forty or so cats living there have what unusual genetic feature?
 - a. They don't have tails
 - b. They are four-color calicos
 - c. They are lactose intolerant
 - d. They have six toes
8. In protest of the U.S. Border Patrol's check points in the keys, Key West, as the Conch Republic, briefly seceded from the United States in which year?
 - a. 1962
 - b. 1972
 - c. 1982
 - d. 1992
9. Two of Ernest Hemingway's uncashed royalty checks hang on the wall at which Key West establishment?
 - a. Sloppy Joe's
 - b. Captain Tony's
 - c. Green Parrot
 - d. Margaritaville
10. The first international flight in 1927 from Key West to Havana, Cuba was run by which airline?
 - a. Republic Airlines
 - b. Pan American
 - c. Delta
 - d. Eastern Airlines

Scoring: 9-10 You "seceded" where others failed! 7-8 You have the "keys" to knowledge !

5-6 One too many at Irish Kevin's? 0-4 Cayo Hu....what????

On Board the "Leaky Tiki" (cont. from page 4)



Depending on their level of engagement, I would continue the story...we became pirates setting sail for days on end...we would taste the salt water as the waves splashed high above us drenching us with water. The smiles on their faces were contagious and only encouraged my story telling. I found myself becoming part of the story over and over again. The most enthralled child was just a wee lad. He came onboard shy wearing thick glasses. He came right over to me and when I lifted him he was light as a feather. He grabbed the wheel and when I told him he had to pretend if he wanted to keep hold of the wheel, he just nodded his head and smiled. As I started the story, it was magical. We became the pirates; he listened with a profound intensity and nodded silently to my every word. I forgot where we were. We were on a ship. The waves were crashing. When I asked him if he could taste the salt water he licked his lips and smiled. Then came the fight. I told him we had to fight to save our ship. He turned to me in a timid voice, the first words he spoke, "I don't have a sword." I remembered I had a plastic sword in the belt on my back. I reached behind my back and produced the sword. I have never seen such joy in a child's eyes than I did at that moment. His eyes became as big as saucers and his smile as huge as it could be. He raised the sword just as his mom called him. He hugged me, smiled and left the ship. For that moment in time we were both pirates and he was special.....

All too soon, the Leaky Tiki fun was over for the Parrot Head volunteers, their families, and the friends who came out to lend a hand. The staff of the Reading Fightin' Phils took over. The gang headed over to the Weis Plaza. We were treated by the ballpark with a buffet and reserved seating in left field. The game started. The Philly Phanatic entertained the crowd and we watched some awesome baseball. The ship is now in dry dock and waiting for the next time we can be pirates and wenches and join together in "Partying with a Purpose." Thank you for once again showing the people of Berks County just how awesome a club we are!!!!!!



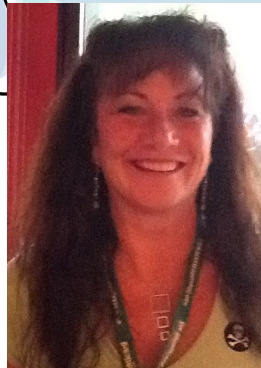
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Welcome to the Club!!!



- 10. B Pan American
- 9. A Sloppy Joe's
- 8. C 1982
- 7. D They have six toes
- 6. B Ft. Kent, ME
- 5. D Cocktail
- 4. A 7 AM
- 3. B Caribbean Islands
- 2. B Havana, Cuba
- 1. A Union

Trivia Quiz Answers



Sue Neithamer



Brad and Sharon White



Penny Evans and Steve Jacobs



Strange Birds

featuring **Shirley Riffle**



Our "strange bird" for this issue is a former nurse and physical therapist from Wyomissing. She is the mother of four and grandmother to thirteen who still resides in the same family home where she started out forty years ago. Now that she has retired, Shirley has a lot more time to devote to her family and to her ninety-year-old mother who lives with her. She credits the BCPHC for making her life "more exciting socially" and thanks everyone who has made her feel so welcome.

Some phun phacts about Shirley:

Favorite Jimmy Buffett song : *One Particular Harbour*

Favorite Jimmy Buffett song line: *Maybe, "yes I am a pirate" because since joining this club, I feel like I really am when traveling on our float!*

Favorite place to be while listening to trop-rock music: *Definitely the beach (Is there any other place?)*

How many concerts have you been to and was one more memorable than the others?: *Sadly, only three. My favorite was the one with the Parrot Head Club; nothing could beat that!*

If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, what would you listen to?: *Any kind of steel drum music and reggae. Really, anything that reminds me of the ocean and tropical places.*

Favorite food: *Any kind of seafood. I am very lucky because my daughter works at Adelpia Seafood in the marketing department and she gets a great discount.*

Favorite movie: *OK, no one laugh. The whole Twilight Series. I am in love with "Edward" and when I was working I had a full-size picture of him on my office wall.*

Favorite restaurant: *Viva. My granddaughter works there and I love their food and great service.*

Drink of choice: *Coors Light and when getting "fancy," I have a piña colada.*

How did you get involved in the BCPHC?: *Key West was a place I couldn't wait to see, so when I heard about the "Meeting of the Minds" it seemed too good to be true and I WANTED TO GO! So, I convinced my two good friends, Deb and Lisa, to start planning a trip with me. We then found out that we had to belong to a parrot head club in order to participate in events down there. That is when we joined the BCPHC in 2011.*

Any insights or inspirations to pass on?: *Have as much fun as you are physically able to haveand get to the BEACH—any beach, anywhere, whenever possible.*

Where the heck is Margaritaville?: *Everywhere and anywhere there is a party; it's always 5 o'clock somewhere.*

In Memoriam :

Remembering the life of Emil Schanzenbach



Our BCPHC family lost a treasured member and friend this past week with the passing of Emil Schanzenbach. Emil served for many years as the club's official photographer, and his many photos of concerts and events have graced countless issues of the Newsletter. We will always remember his tireless devotion to his hobby, his energetic willingness to volunteer his time, and his sincere friendship. Our hearts and prayers go to Robin and his entire family.

You will be missed, Emil.

Committee Updates

In 25 words (more) or less

Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman *Once again, everyone that volunteered for Summer Parrot Daze, made the Volunteer Committee look great! "Thank You" to all that gave their time to help make this event such a great success. We raised a lot of money for the Berks Women in Crisis and without your help we could not have done so.*

Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Rich Leiby *Do you have a favorite Buffett album you'd like to write about? Volunteer to write our next "Classic Album Rewind" column. It's fun to do!*

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk *We are looking forward to finding and organizing lots of fun new merchandise for our next event. Please support our charities. Shop, bid, or buy our merchandise at all of our events!*

Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft *Our fall and winter charity event proceeds will support Crime Alert Berks County and Mary's Shelter. Nominations are being accepted for 2014 Summer Daze charities thru mid October.*

If the Phone Doesn't Ring (Membership Committee) - Susan Standefer *A successful Parrot Daze brought the club twenty new members, which meant twenty mentors to assist them in their Parrot Head journey. We now have 221 members.*

We aren't famous—yet (Marketing Committee) - Debbie Hartranft *The Marketing Committee is busy following up our guests at Parrot Daze and promoting the club and membership through phone calls and emails. Club business cards are at the printer and letterhead is in the design stage. We continue to brainstorm additional ways to promote the club.*

.....and just a few final words.



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