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HELLO from the President's Perch



To all Parrot Heads a big thanks and congratulations on another successful Cabin Fever Festival. What a large crowd of neat people gathering on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy the show and support a local deserving charity

like the Animal Rescue League. Everyone had such a wonderful time and you opened up your purse strings and generously supported the cause. It was another record for the most money raised at a winter party with a check for \$17,000 proudly handed to ARL. How cool.

As I moved about the room I saw happy people with smiles who were talking and laughing with friends. They were enjoying Havana Budda and the great music they were playing. For me it doesn't get any better then that.

The committees all did such an awesome job and there were lots of new ideas and pre-

sentations or displays from all of them. Plus we got 25 new members, another first.

I have to tell you all that during the day there were several times I was overwhelmed with what our Club has become over the last five years. To visualize all of these talented people coming together and creating this many friendships is more then I ever hoped for.

For me personally, I was so proud to be in the same room with all of you great people. I can't find any words to tell you how good it feels to be your President. I hope I never let any of you down.

Tina and I have always believed you should not look down on anyone unless you are trying to help them up. In this Club we have helped so many people we need a bigger banner to list them all. Imagine what we will do in the next five years!

WOW I HAD A GREAT TIME AND THANKS AGAIN TO ALL.

Denny

GROWING OLDER BUT NOT UP

Parrot Poop Wins 2nd Place Prize

At the 2007 MoTM event, our Club's newsletter, the Parrot Poop, won 2nd place in the PHiP newsletter contest. We were awarded \$200 to donate to the charity of our choice. The Schleroderma Foundation (Pa. chapter) was chosen. The Club added additional money for a total donation of \$700.

Congratulations to the newsletter committee and the entire Berks County Club.

Thank you for your donation to the Scleroderma Foundation in our daughter Carmen's name. It's thoughtful of you to think of us at this time. The generosity and support we have received from Margaritaville and the Parrot Heads through PHIP and other local clubs has been amazing. We are touched but certainly not surprised. Let's hope that your donation along with all the others will help find a cure for this rare disease so that other families can be spared the indescribable heartache of losing a child.

- Martin Lehmann, Margaritaville Key West

Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County Chosen as Beneficiary of our 6th Annual "Parrot Daze" Event



breast cancer support services of berks county

Join your pfellow Parrot Heads and Party with a Purpose!

Saturday, July 19 1:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Fish Pond West (100 Swiftwater Lane, Bernville, PA 19526)

Music, food, beverages, raffles and LOTS of fun! No one will stop us! We will be entertained almost all day long so don't miss out.

1-4:00 – Nautical Wheelers 6-9:00 – Jimmy and the Parrots

Contact: Jodi Blatt for tickets – meandmyboz@aol.com or attend the monthly general meetings where tickets will be available.

Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks Count (BCSS) formed in 1993 when concerned breast cancer survivors and family members came together as a group and recognized the need for support and educational services in Berks County. Their mission: to provide hope, information and emotional support to women diagnosed with breast cancer and those who care for and about them.

The support group started by establishing a telephone Supportline and resource guide and has added services ever since. Whether someone is newly diagnosed, in treatment, or moving on with life, support is vital – especially from those who share the breast cancer experience and are willing to discuss issues and their feelings.

Pink Power Nights are monthly support meetings for all breast cancer survivors. Held the first Monday of each month, the free meetings help connect women to the survivor community. The telephone SupportLine is available 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Staffed by survivors, it provides comfort and support during critical times, as well as information regarding services and resources available in Berks County. The SupportLine telephone number is 610.375.9925.

Free educational programs are offered several times per year and cover issues such as lymphedema, fatigue, bone health, and stress managements. The BCSS also provides Comfort Bags, an annual educational conference to provide current information on the management of breast cancer and innovative methods to live with the diagnosis of breast cancer. They have a lending library of over 200 books, tapes, videos, and pamphlets and publish a newsletter three times per year. The contents include information about upcoming events, and articles of interest to breast cancer survivors. You can read the newsletters online at bcssberks.org.

The proceeds from Parrot Daze will be used to purchase "Comfort Bags" which BCSS provides annually to more than 300 Berks County women diagnosed with breast cancer. Distributed through physicians and local hospitals, the bags are stuffed with items to provide comfort at a confusing time: books, nightshirt, soft pink pillow, relaxing CD, and chocolates.



Gary Kraft



As you know by now, the Parrot Poop likes to scoop the poop about our Executive Committee members and committee heads. Why? There's more than hokey-pokey to know about our members.

This issue's "coastal confession" is about Gary Kraft, our fearless leader of the charity committee. Gary was born and still resides in Mohnton (where several other fine Club members live!) His wife Janice, daughter Bonnie and son Tim are also Club members.

Gary is a professional engineer and owner of Kraft Engineering. BUT, he'd prefer to be a professional racing spectator. His first job was as a surveying rodman for Spotts, Stevens & McCoy. (Now, if you're like me, you're thinking there's a typo there. No – a "rodman", Gary explained, is the surveyor's helper who holds the "non-thinking end" of the tape and who carries the range pole and level rod through all of the sticker bushes and poison ivy! Okay – now we know.)

Gary likes to golf, go to races and Penn State football games, and do "family" things.

Some other interesting facts about Gary:

Where will you go when the Volcano blows?: St. Lucia to get a close-up

Favorite JB song?: Lone Palm

Favorite line from a JB song: "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere!"

How long have you listened to JB?: 6-7 years

How many JB concerts have you been to & are any more memorable than others?: 8-10 / I can only remember a few but the tailgating was tremendous!

Have you read any of JB's books and if so, which was your favorite? Nope [and no one read them to me either!] If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, who would you listen to?: About a hundred other artists on my iPod

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite movie: In Harm's Way or Donovan's Reef

What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise?: ketchup & pepper

Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction: VO Manhattan

How did you get involved in the BCPHC?: I was encouraged by former charity committee head, Mike Mountz

What one thing would you like to do in life that you haven't already done?: RETIRE

Where the heck is Margaritaville?: Wherever Salt, Lime and Tequila Meet!

PHiP2008 State of the Pflock

For the entire report, visit www.phip.com. Here are some highlights:

It's apparent that the "Parrot Head Nation" is not only alive and well, but thriving. What began with the original Parrot Head Club in Atlanta has blossomed to a record 229 chapters at year end 2007, an increase of 6 percent from 2006. There are PH Clubs in 47 states, three different countries, three Canadian provinces and one U.S. Territory. Total membership remains steady with more than 25,000 dedicated, fun-loving Parrot Heads.

In 2007, Parrot Head Clubs collectively raised for and / or donated approximately \$ 2.9 million to charitable organizations. Perhaps more importantly, chapters worldwide donated more than 181,000 man-hours to philanthropic and environmental activities. That is the equivalent of 7,500+ 24-hour days on charitable, social and environmental activities ... and we had a BLAST while doing it!

PHiP has attained national status with both the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life program and the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk program. In an effort to make a dent in world hunger, our Feeding Frenzy Project has gained strength and support, culminating with World Food Day in October. Additionally, 2007 saw PHiP cement an agreement with Margaritaville Foods that should generate additional funds for charity at the local Club level.

We truly are "Angels in Tropical Shirts".



New Members

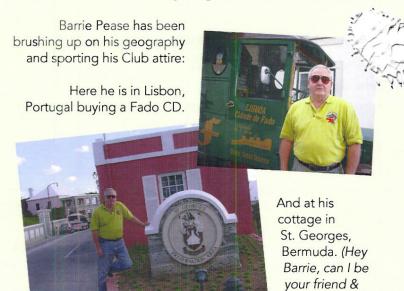
Welcome to the pflock. And thanks to the Coral Referrers who will receive 10 Parrot Points!

New Member	Coral Referrer	New Member	Coral Referrer		
Mike & Kori Barnett		William Martin & Patricia Bachert			
Elisha & Steve Burnett		& Leland Martin	Fischers		
Deb Carfagno & Bill Lange	Denny & Tina	Jack & Marilyn May			
Hector Colon	Chris Guevin	Bobbi Ann & Dale Mayer			
Howard DeMarco		Joseph & Pamela Miozza	Denny&Tina		
Tori DiPiazza	Barrie & Barb Pease	David & Laura Mistretta	Web site		
Bob & Cindi Dixon	Kris Johnson	Deborah Motika			
Todd & Ingrid Fink		Karyn Motika			
David & Lynn Gemmell		Louis & Fedele Paradiso			
Jim & Carol Ann Goodhart	Denny	& Hannah McMillan			
Kay Haas & Dennis Bechtel		Tim & Nancy Reams	Denny&Tina		
Rich Hart	Denny, Rick, Norm	Brian Rodger	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Chris Hart		Jeffery & April Schmehl			
Lori & RJ Hassler		Amy & Bill Seibert			
Debbie Ibach		Michael & JoAnn Sexton	Kris Johnson		
Domenic & Linda Izzo	Fischers	Brad & Melissa Small	Paula Kerschner		
Clifford Kline	Paula Kerschner	Jerry & Susan Standefer			
Jenni Kohl	Blatt's	Pam Sterner & Mark Pufnock	Jeff & Jodi Blatt		
Jeremy Kohl		Dan & Vickie Sweenet			
Ted & Linda Kohl		Rod & Donna Trusty	Denny		
Peter & Ginny Kostick	Billboard	Sharon Vlasak & Raymond Snyder			
Terry Lawhorne	Reading Eagle	Bob & Bonnie Woodley	Kris Johnson		
Barry & Sue Lehr	Amanda Johnson	Dennis Mullarkey & Stephanie Wagner			

Did you move to a new cage? If you need to make changes to your mailing or email information, please contact the membership committee.



Have you been traveling to the Far Side of the World? Or maybe Southeast of Disorder? No matter where you go, Take the Weather With You AND your BCPHC wearables!



Duane & Kathey Cahill relax and quietly promote our Club in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



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In 25 Words (more) or Less

Committee Updates:



Parrot Poop (newsletter committee) – chairperson Dot McGlinn Imbody

Don't keep it under your hat. Tell us some juicy news – and you'll earn Parrot Points for doing so. Anything fit to print is appreciated. Advertisers welcome.

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (merchandise committee) – chairperson Tina Shenk

Our committee is really excited about Parrot Daze. We have received great merchandise for the auctions and the merchandise table. Please help support the cause and "Think Pink". If you want to get more involved, join our committee. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month.

Party with a Purpose (events committee) - chairperson Jodi Blatt

The events committee is working to get some great events up and running. We are extremely thankful to all the volunteers who help at everything we plan! Upcoming events include - happy hours at the Pike Cafe, May 22nd and June 19th. Havana Budda is playing from 7-10 p.m. and Landsharks are \$2 all night. Our big event, Parrot Daze, is July 19th and tickets will be available starting at our May 6th meeting. Prices are \$15 for members if purchased by July 1st, \$20 for non-members and \$25 at the door for everyone. Get your tickets early. There has been a lot of interest and we may sell out! As always, remember to PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!

Changes in Attitude (charity committee) – chairperson Gary Kraft

The Charity Committee has chosen some great charities for upcoming events including the Holly Heilman Cancer Fund (golf outing), Breast Cancer Support Service of Berks County (Summer Parrot Daze) and Greater Berks Food Bank (Casino Night). Forward nominations for future charities to Gary Kraft.

If the Phone Doesn't Ring (membership committee) - chairperson Cheryl & Joe Bean

338 members (316 adults, 22 'keets) of which 257 members are paid (242 adults, 15 keets). We have made our new name tags which are proof that you are a paid member and will be given out at the next meeting.

Stars on the Water (volunteer committee) - chairperson Kris Johnson

Gearing up for the Holly Heilman Golf Outing in May then will be turning our attention to the Parrot Daze event. We will be getting the float out soon and will need volunteers to ready and man the float for the parades we are going to enter this year. Again thanks to all who have given their valuable time to the Club as volunteers which have made our events a great success.

We need More Junior Mints (sponsorship committee) – chairpersons Dave & Sherrie Hallowell The sponsorship committee is continuing to look for sponsors/advertisers. Moving forward.

Trivia by Duane Cahill

For the answers, please visit our website.

NOTHIN' BUT A BREEZE

- 1. Jimmy has a newsletter for his fans. What's it called?
- 2. Where is the Blue Heaven Rendezvous?
- 3. Jimmy's oldest daughter is named after what Georgia city?

MEDIUM RARE WITH MUSTARD

4. Jimmy used to play anytime,

- anywhere, but now his concerts are typically on which three days of the week?
- 5. Before Jimmy hit it big, he was a journalist for what national magazine?
- 6. What Eagles album does Jimmy sing backup on?

NOTHING SOFT ABOUT HARD TIMES

7. Before License to Chill, Jimmy never had a #1 album on Billboard's Hot 200. Banana Wind had been his best seller, peaking at what number?

- 8. Jimmy's songs are often considered autobiographical, but at what age has he frequently promised to pen his own autobiography?
- 9. What classic comedian died on the same day that Jimmy Buffett was born?

WHO ARE WE TRYING TO FOOL?

10. For what song did the American Federation of Teachers demand an apology?

Berks County Parrot Heads Look at D

~ by Dot McGlinn Imbody







Five years old that is. In the fall of 2007, our Club celebrated our 5th trip around the sun as a PHiP sanctioned club. Let's review how we have socialized and raised money for local charities – and don't forget that we made many friendships along the way.

Our first event was in January 2003 - Cabin Fever Festival to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The event was held at California Bar & Grill with John Hain & the Mango Summers Band playing the songs we know by heart. We raised \$3,000 that day.

Other winter Cabin Fever Festival events and results – always a celebration on the Sunday between NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl:

2004 – Berks County Chapter of American Red Cross - \$3,800

2005 - Easter Seals Eastern PA - \$7,300

2006 - Habitat for Humanity - \$10,200

2007 - Opportunity House - \$12,000

2008 - Animal Rescue League - \$17,000

Our Summer Parrot Daze events began in July 2003 at the Fish Pond West where we have remained every summer - - no matter how hard they try to shut us down! Our beneficiary that day was Make a Wish Foundation. We raised \$6,500 and sent a family on a dream vacation to Disney World. Our bands throughout the years have included John Frinzi, Jimmy and the Parrots, John Hain and the Mango Summers Band, Tropical Soul, Nautical Wheelers, and Captain Quint.

Other Parrot Daze events and results:

2004 - Humane Society of Berks County - \$13,200

2005 - Crime Alert Berks County - \$20,500

2006 - Reading Public Museum - \$12,000

2007 - Crime Alert Berks County - \$22,000

Our annual golf outings teed off in August 2004. The first afternoon golf event benefited the American Cancer Society / Berks County and raised \$1,200. Since then, many little white ball chasers and sponsors have helped to raise a lot of money:

2005 - American Cancer Society / Berks County - \$2,300

2006 - Olivet Boys & Girls Club - \$1,500

2007 - Family Guidance Center - \$6,500

Next, the Berks Parrot Heads decided to try their skill with gambling. Our first Casino Night in March of 2006 raised \$3,000 for the Olivet Boys and Girls Club. In 2007, we raised \$1,000 for the Animal Rescue League.

Our Club has done several other fundraisers over the course of our half decade. Every December our holiday party is held to benefit the Marine's Toys for Tots program. Besides building a special bond with our local Marines, we have brought in hundreds of toys (too bad we never kept count) and raised several hundred dollars in 50/50 raffle drawings with the proceeds going back to the Marines. Our Club is consistently one of the largest toy gathering groups in the County.

We supported a local establishment's Cinco de Mayo party and raised money doing 50/50 raffle drawings

Our newsletter, The Parrot Poop, has won two PHiP awards. Our \$300 1st place prize in 2005 was donated to the Olivet Boys and Girls Club. Our \$200 2nd place finish in 2007 was donated to the Schleroderma Foundation / Pa. The Club voted and tacked on an extra \$500 to the Foundation.

Take us out to the ball game for Parrot Head night at the Reading Phillies. Not only is the evening a relaxing time, but we also increase awareness of our Club, gain new members, and raise some bucks doing 50/50 raffle drawings.

The BCPHC has also been generous to other local charities both in donations and participation. For example, we were a \$1,000 band sponsor at the Reading Hospital and Medical

Center Women's Auxiliary Garden Party. Not only were we happy to support the event, but we also got to listen to Jimmy and the Parrots.

We made donations of animal food, blankets, detergent, and more to Club happy hours to assist the Humane Society of Berks County. We supported the American Cancer Society's "Cheeseburgers for Charity" event - - and got to dance the night away to Parrotville. We've supported the Berks Jazz Fest by gathering a Club contingent to see Club Trini. We supported the "Crime Alert Goes Nuts" fundraising event to honor local state police. We held a collection at a general meeting to raise money for the PhiN Fund (Parrot Heads in Need - hurricane Katrina relief). We assisted Berks Enduring Freedom with donations to send to troops and then helped pack boxes to ship overseas to our troops.

We've participated in (and won) local parades - King Frost Parade, City of Reading Holiday parade, Borough of Kenhorst 75th Anniversary parade, Wyomissing's 4th of July parade, and Borough of Mohnton's Centennial Anniversary parade.

And let's not forget, since April 2004 we have semi-annually cleaned our stretch of highway in Spring Township. We've monkey, a bowling ball, a bottle of Horny Goat Weed, and a broken Jimmy Buffett CD.

PHiP sends out periodic messages to remind club leaders that Parrot Head Clubs are social clubs and to not lose sight of having pfun. I think the Berks County Parrot Heads are masters at mixing pfundraising with pfun. Thank you to our sponsors who have helped to make our events successful - - please support them. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and thank you for opening up your pockets and giving back to our community over the last 5 years.

It's been a lovely cruise.



At our November general meeting, the Club collected many boxes of items to donate to Operation Enduring Freedom's winter mailing to our local men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Then in December, several Club members met at the American Legion Post in Topton to help pack those boxes and prepare them for shipment. We all signed holiday cards and wrote messages to the recipients. Hopefully many of you received thank you letters from the troops. My family did and besides being very thankful for our volunteer efforts, the serviceman told us of all the good efforts our troops are performing in Iraq.

Each addressee received two boxes, one filled with food and snack items and the other with grooming and medical supplies, along with reading and writing materials. A total of 1,171 boxes were shipped with a postage cost of \$11,706.

Operation Enduring Freedom will hold a spring drive from May 20 to June 19, 2008. Donations of items including money to help defray shipping expenses – are welcome. And as always, volunteers are needed. Visit BerksEnduringFreedom.com to learn more.

A thank you note to the Berks County Parrot Head Club was received in March and will be available to view on our Web site, BerksCountyPHC.org.

Cabin Fever Festival Recap

~ by Eileen Davies

Wow! What a phun Sunday! On January 27, 2008 our phlock descended upon the Reading Country Club and perched there for our annual Cabin Fever Festival. The afternoon phlew by as the crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Club member Jimmy Budda and his band Havana Budda entertained the packed ballroom with familiar Buffett tunes and a few "surprises" they had in store for the energized audience. (Thanks Jim!)

The ever popular Silent and Chinese auctions proved interesting. As well as the Live auction, which was a huge success, when the bidding became fast and furious!

Landshark Lager, our newest sponsor, provided several amazing items, which were appreciated by our Club.

Our membership grew by 25 applicants that day, with gift baskets awarded to two lucky new members.

Berks County Animal Rescue League was the chosen charity of our event. We were proud to have them represented and for the opportunity to learn more about their new facility. The special needs of this community organization became a reality as the day culminated in the adoption of one of our furry feline friends!

Food, fun, music, merchandise, but, most importantly, FELLOWSHIP... a truly successful BCPHC Cabin Fever Festival indeed!



Thenk You to the following businesses for sponsoring our 2008 Cabin Fever Festival event. Please support their businesses.

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Tina's Salon

Bronze Sponsors: Just Gorgeous

Designing Women

Crime Alert Berks County

Tangles

Band Sponsor: Denny Lorah and Tina Shenk



From: Barrie Pease

To: Berks County Parrot Head Club

Subject: Thank You

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Animal Rescue League I would like to thank all of the members of the BCPHC for selecting the shelter as your charity for Cabin Fever and for all of the hard work that all of you did to make it the great event that it was. I know how much work events like this are and think it is just great that BCPHC does several of them each year. I know that the member of the staff and board that were at Cabin Fever had a great time.

Barbara and I are very glad that we joined BCPHC and have had the pleasure of meeting all of you. We both look forward to working with all of you on other events for other very deserving local charities and of course the parties that go along with those events. We also look forward to picking a date for a BCPHC night at the shelter so we can show you what all of your efforts are accomplishing, and Pongo our resident African Gray parrot said he wants to say thanks in person.



Thanks again, Barrie





I Will Clean for Gumbo

by Brandy Lorah

Our spring clean-up went well thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. It was great to see new members at the clean-up, as well as our usual crew of veterans.

The highway was extremely trashy and rain the night before made the clean-up messier than normal, but our volunteers did a great job anyway. We were finished in about 90 minutes, and then headed back to Applebee's for some cocktails and conversation.

As always, we had some very interesting items contending

for the "Most Unusual Item" found during the clean-up. Runners-up were Janice Kraft with

the label from a broken bottle of Landshark Lager and Ingrid Fink with the jawbone from a deer (teeth still attached!). The winning item was created by James Walters (aka Jimmy Budda) and Tom Boyer. They constructed a compilation "art" piece, consisting of a Starbucks cup holding a fire hose connection, topped by a stuffed frog wearing a cowboy hat.

A special thanks goes to Mandy Johnson, who came out to pick up trash on her birthday! Jimmy Budda led the bar in singing Happy Birthday to her.



Birthday girl Mandy finds a dream gift – what every girl wants.



com"pile"ation find.

Word search by Duane Cahill

No math involved here. Try your luck.

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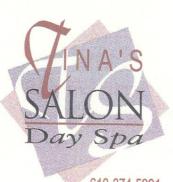
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Thank You!

The BCPHC thanks Westlawn Graphics for donating a portion of the printing of the Parrot Poop.

Newsletter design by Suzy Rae Design.





June 19

Club happy hour at the Pike Café – 7-10 p.m. Music by Havana Budda. \$2 Landshark Lagers. Reservations suggested – call the Pike.

Saturday, June 14, 2008 Jimmy Buffett concert at Citizens Bank Park

meandmyboz@aol.com for tickets

Saturday, July 19, 2008
6th annual Parrot Daze – to benefit Breast Cancer Support Services
1-10 p.m. at Fish Pond West Music, food, beverages, raffles & LOTS of fun
1-4 p.m. – Nautical Wheelers
6-9 p.m. – Jimmy and the Parrots
Check the Web site for more information and contact

Friday, September 12, 2008
A Pirate Looks at 6 – Club birthday party – members only
Come and celebrate another trip around the sun
at 3rd & Spruce Cafe

Sunday, October 5, 2008 Biannual roadside cleanup

1 p.m. – Meet at Applebee's in Wyomissing Contact: Brandy Lorah – blorah@boscovs.com

Friday, October 17, 2008
Casino Night
Check the Web site for more information or contact meandmyboz@aol.com

Friday, December 12, 2008
Toys for Tots Holiday Party
3rd & Spruce Café, West Reading
Admission is a toy or \$5 towards the purchase
of a toy. Check the Web site for more
information about this event.

General Membership Meetings – 3rd & Spruce Café - upstairs, West Reading 1st Tuesday of every month All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Join Club members for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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For more information on these and other events scheduled after the publication of this issue of Parrot Poop, go to www.BerksCountyPHC.org.

The next issue of Parrot Poop will be issued around November 2008.



