

Berks County



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From the Top Perch



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DON'T YOU KNOW

I got to wishing I was a jellyfish one day and decided I needed a little mental floss. I couldn't change my latitude but I could change my attitude - *Don't you know*. So, I decided to form The Berks County Parrot Head Club. After all, I've studied life at sea, studied life in bars, and I never passed my SAT's. Besides all that, I've got lots of friends with a bank of bad habits who really should **party with a purpose** - *Don't you know*.

I talked to Marc (Schlessinger) at PHIP, Inc. (Parrot Heads in Paradise) and he said you need some migration - the blessing of surrounding PH Clubs. Thanks to the Parrot Heads in Amish Paradise, Tri-State (Philly) PH Club, Pirates in Paradise, and Keystone Conch's who all said, "Fins Up!" Next on my list was to find a treasurer. Tina Shenk said, "Sure. I can convert our nickels into dimes." - *Don't you know*. And you have to have a Club secretary, Deb Boyer, who said she can rule our world from a computer - *Don't you know*.

What's a Parrot Head Club without a club musician? Well - *Don't you know*, I ran into a chum with a bottle of rum, John Hain. He said "hell yeah Denny. I'll play simple 6-string stuff but please don't say mañana." I started looking for that one particular harbor for our official meeting place and - *Don't you know*, Al at the California Bar & Grill said "there is no ship tied to my

tree. And besides, we serve boat drinks and cheeseburgers in paradise." They have plenty of chairs at CB&G that say more than the people who ever sit in them.

At our first phlocking at my home Margaritaville Bar, I saw all those gypsies in my palace and ... *Don't you know* ... they were the people our parents warned us about! Alan Carman and Niki Buchter said they are not clear who is to navigate and who is to steer but we will both be Vice Presidents.

It was like a volcano. The lava started flowing soft and hot and before it stopped, we had committees formed and many volunteers. Seeing all those stars on the water, I knew we were off to see the lizard. Come Monday, we had picked Tuesday for our meeting dates instead of Thursdays and Saturdays.

Now everybody wants to know about the Berks County Parrot Head Club - *Don't you know?*

I have found me a home. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. And now I'm a jolly mon.

Phounding Phather,
Denny Lorah

p.s. Remember ... Life is Just a Tire Swing.

Playin' for the Gumbo

By ~ Bob and Leslie Helf

On Saturday, October 20th, Bill Wharton, popularly known as "The Sauce Boss", brought his wild and highly entertaining, energetic show to Café Classics in Doylestown. The Sauce Boss, dressed in his signature white chef's coat and hat, accompanied by his bass player and drummer, demonstrated his talent on guitar to what he refers to as Swampy Florida Blues.

Wharton opened the show with one of his feature songs, *Let the Big Dogs Eat*, which ignited the crowd of about one hundred fans in this small venue. He performed songs from his dozen CDs, including his newest release, "Sky Blues".

Jimmy Buffett calls Wharton the "hardest working man in music" and sings about him in his own song, *I Will Play for Gumbo*. Along with the Sauce Boss performing music during his four-hour shows, he incorporates cooking his ever-popular gumbo. In every one of his shows, and Café Classics was no exception, Wharton brings a huge pot, portable stove, and all of the ingredients to prepare some great gumbo on stage. While singing and dancing, he concocts the mixture, and the audience is encouraged to participate by joining him on stage to stir the gumbo throughout the evening. At the end of the show, everyone in his audience gets a bowl of his freshly prepared meal.

The Sauce Boss claims his shows are a "soul-shouting picnic of rock and roll brotherhood". In the last twelve years he has fed more than 90,000 fans. In addition to his CDs, Wharton has his own line of hot sauces. He has appeared on the Food Network and has a Web site with some great recipes. His unique brand of music has thrilled Parrot Heads and blues lovers over the years, and they always return for another helping.

Stars and Promises

By ~ Leslie Helf

Singer songwriter Peter Mayer stepped away from his more recognized role as Jimmy Buffett's lead guitarist and demonstrated his spiritual character to an awestruck audience at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster on the evening of December 10, 2002. No better way can the Christmas spirit of peace and love be shared than by enjoying the performance of his "Stars and Promises Alive" 2002 release.



Mayer's spiritual roots are attributed to his missionary parents. He was born in Tamilnadu, India, where they served in the villages for

17 years. He credits many of his musical influences from that period of his life. His *Christmas Overture* is loosely founded from memories of Indian musicians performing Christmas concerts in his parents' home. He melds a unique, eclectic writing style, distinctive voice, and virtuoso musicianship to create compelling music that is electrifying in live performance.

Mayer is steadily building a devoted following across the country with his own Peter Mayer Group which boasts an extensive portfolio. In 1988 he released his debut album simply titled "PM", his recording name.

Peter Mayer group members, brother Jim on bass and Scott Bryan on percussion accompanied him at the Christmas performance. Also featured were Mark Holland on Native American and concert flute and Emily Randle on violin. The event was a charity concert to benefit the St. Thomas Partnership Program in Haiti.

After briefly discussing the unfortu-

nate loss of the true beauty and meaning of the holiday season, Peter began the evening with his performance of *Sing Joy*. His inspirational renditions of *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *The Little Drummer Boy* mesmerized an audience, filled with both regular members of the congregation and loyal fans.

Selections from his new "Stars and Promises Alive" CD reflects an eclectic musical style in his celebration of Christmas. Scott Bryan demonstrated his magnificent talent during an entertaining *Hey Joseph*, a lighthearted tribute to the oft-neglected Joseph. Peter's story and song *Harmony* reflects the original source of peace in our own hearts, homes and families.

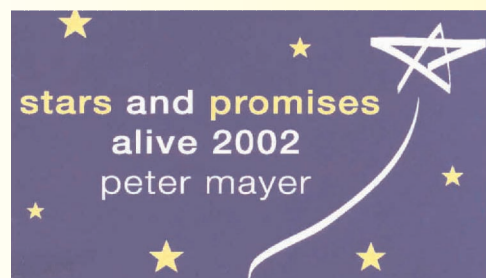
The evening ended with the classic *Silent Night* and the audience was invited to sing along. The standing ovation was well deserved, not only for the evening's outstanding musical performance, but for leaving the members of the audience a little more spiritually and mentally prepared for the holiday season.

Peter will be performing at the Berks Jazz Fest on March 29th.



His afternoon show will be at the Lincoln Plaza and his evening performance with Club Trini will take place at the Sheraton Reading. This will be an excellent

opportunity for Club members not familiar with Peter's versatility and virtuosity as a songwriter, guitarist, and vocalist to familiarize themselves with his remarkable talent. It is a show that everyone should try to attend.



Jivia

In each issue of the "Parrot Poop", we will have a Jimmy Buffett trivia question – which we'll refer to as "Jivia". The answer to the question can be found on our Web site, www.BerksCountyPHC.org.

Our first question will be very easy. If you have to look up this answer, you're a *Fruitcake* and better spend some time sitting under a *Lone Palm* reading Jimmy's books!

Q#1. When is Jimmy Buffett's birthday?

Web site squawkings

We would like to have a Business Directory on our Web site. This would be used to support your fellow Parrot Head Club members when in need of a service. The site will be broken down by business category (e.g. printing or real estate) and your contact information – company name, your name, address, phone/fax number, email address, company Web site. No logos please. Straight type only.

If you are interested in having your company information included, please email Dot at kdsbody@aol.com. Please use the subject line: BCPHC business directory listing. I will update the listings once per month.



Bird-days



Please celebrate our January through April Parrot Head birthdays. It's just another reason to party!

- Linda Kohl – January 2
- Carole Dugan – January 3
- Mark Sauer – January 7
- Sherri Rivera – January 8
- Shawn Dietzel – January 11
- Shirley Hess – January 14
- Alan Carman – January 17
- Ruthann Gundersen – January 26
- David Kintzer – January 31
- Jeff Blatt – February 8
- Rick Fox – February
- Leslie Helf – February 9
- Rick Boyer – February 17
- Judy Hill – February 19
- Jim Spinka – February 22
- Jim Landrigan – February 23
- Helen Stevenson – February 24
- Linda Day – March 5
- John Hain – March 12
- Dianne Miller – March 13
- Brenda Beissel – March 14
- Rebecca Werley – March 14
- Bill Lange – March 15
- Dot McGlinn Imbody – March 18
- Chuck Dugan – March 22
- Rita Gierlich – March 22
- Debbie Boyer – March 23
- Ted Kohl – March 26
- Krista Templin – March 30
- Claudia Barnott – April 2
- Jerry Bowdren – April 5
- Joseph Miller – April 5
- Nancy Vardjan – April 7
- Matt Seligman – April 12
- Mark Hoover – April 13
- Marcia Amoroso – April 16
- Matt Vardjan – April 17
- Carl Leisey – April 18
- Pat Hain – April 24
- Tom Mahan – April 25
- Dana Kintzer – April 26



Favorite Song

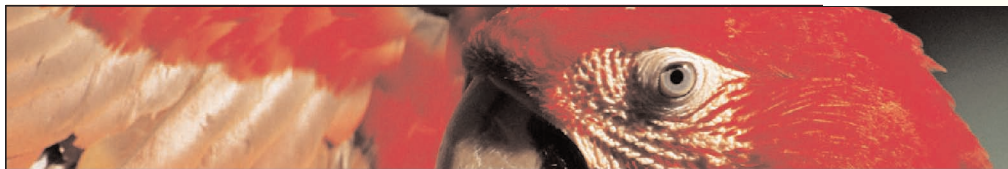
On your membership registration, we asked you what is your favorite JB song. Of those who answered, the song with the most votes was *Come Monday*.

Also receiving a lot of votes: *Changes in Latitude*, *One Particular Harbor*, *A Pirate Looks at 40*, and *Volcano*.

Berks County Parrot Head Club

Our Mission:

To promote friendship and organize social activities for people who share an affection for the tropical spirit of singer-songwriter "Jimmy Buffett" and a desire to contribute to the betterment of the community through a variety of volunteer efforts.



The Cage Door is Open

So you want to join the Club? Need a change in attitude? Want to find a better cheeseburger? You have a cousin in Miami?

The more jolly mons, the better.

You can find a membership application on our Web site – BerksCountyPHC.org. You can also contact the membership committee chairperson via email – srivera@lithotechinc.com or ask any member. We'll all be happy to help you join our Club.

The Purpose for the Party

On Sunday, February 2nd at the California Bar & Grill, we will be having our first "party with a purpose". What is the purpose, you ask? Well, along with having a whole shipload of fun, we will be donating all the proceeds from our party to the ALS Association.



ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) can affect anyone, starting with young adults. Presently there is no known cause or cure. Sixty years ago, it took the life of baseball great, Lou Gehrig, and therefore, most people refer to it as "Lou Gehrig's Disease".

The symptoms include the progressive wasting and paralysis of the muscles, however, in most cases, mental faculties are NOT affected. The life expectancy of a person with ALS averages two to five years after diagnosis. ALS may start with swallowing difficulties and difficulty controlling leg muscles. Eventually, it will lead to total paralysis including the lungs.

The ALS Association provides funding for research and patient/family support of all types (clinics, transportation, counseling and other programs, in-home nursing care, respiratory care) usually at little or no cost to the patient. You can find out more about ALS by visiting their Web site www.alsphiladelphia.org.

The funds we raise on February 2nd will stay in Berks County and will be used to aid patients and their families who live with ALS. The ALS Association is very excited to have us "party for their purpose" and will be bringing a representative as well as possibly having a few surprises of their own.

Squawk it up to your perch mates! Let them know that the Parrots will be partying for one of the causes of the Philadelphia Phillies - to "Strike Out ALS".



Frozen (or just plain liquid) Concoctions

We asked our membership to submit their favorite Margarita recipes. Here are a few that we found ... interesting. You can find these and other recipes on our Web site - www.BerksCountyPHC.org.

Three Citrus Sunrise Margarita

from Melissa MacNeill

- 1 lime wedge
- kosher salt on a small plate
- 1 1/2 oz. of tequila
- 1 oz. triple sec
- 1/2 oz. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz. fresh orange juice
- 1/2 oz. fresh grapefruit juice
- 1 tsp. Chambord (black raspberry liqueur)

Run the lime wedge around the rim of a stemmed cocktail glass. Dip the moistened rim in the salt. Set the lime wedge and glass aside. In a cocktail shaker half-filled with ice cubes, combine the tequila, triple sec, orange juice, and grapefruit juice. Shake well, then strain into the prepared glass. Squeeze the lime wedge into the cocktail and discard. Carefully add the Chambord to the center of the cocktail, letting it sink to the bottom of the glass without blending it into the rest of the drink. Serve immediately.

Tequila tip: for an extra touch of color and flavor, mix 2 teaspoons finely minced lime zest (colored peel) into the salt before rimming the glass.

Italian Margarita

from Chuck Dugan

- 6 oz. frozen lemonade concentrate
- 3 oz. tequila
- 2 oz. amaretto
- 1 oz. triple sec
- 3 oz. water
- 3 cups ice cubes

Put all ingredients in a blender and blend until slushy.
(How easy can drinking be?)



Membership List

In each issue of the "Parrot Poop", we will list new members. This is our charter member list. If your name is on here, you were an original parrot that helped get this Club off the ground.

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Thank You!

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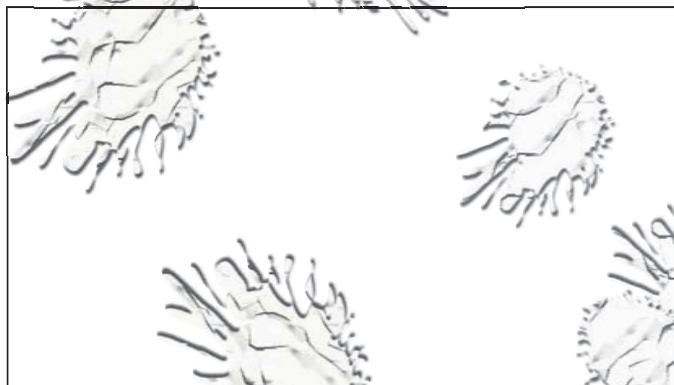
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The Swinging Perch

a.k.a.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Membership Meetings -
first Tuesday of every month

Winter Party to benefit ALS -
February 2nd

Mardi Gras Party to benefit The Humane Society - March 4th

Parrot Head Caribbean Jazz -
March 29th

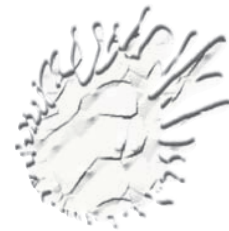
Cinco de Mayo Party - May 3rd

Summer Soiree to benefit Make a Wish - summer '03

Fall Festival to benefit the Red Cross - fall '03

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