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HELLO from the President's Perch

I want to dedicate this article to the MOTM 2010 held in Key West again this year. This was the "No child left behind" trip for everyone and I have to tell you it was a huge success. We had 60 birds from our BCPHC migrate south for a week of latitude and attitude changes. There were birds of every age and three generations of Prez family birds enjoying the festivities. The phlock even had a few MOTM virgins.



Some of the highlights included our annual Pub Crawl of the Lower keys with a record 24 birds in the flock this year and a few new roosting stops added to the 30 mile trip up to No Name Pub. Our Club Picnic at the Southernmost Guest House was attended by all 60 members and there were a few Coral Reefer sightings. Everyone had a great time even in the rain showers. BCPHC was well represented at the street Fair on Friday and they all were having fun. Some other activities included Sea Plane rides and the normal Buffet tribute bands playing throughout the islands and at the Casa Marina. The weather wasn't beautiful this year but we were there, and to see all of our group having so much fun was beautiful. For me it was neat to see so many people all enjoying each others fun. I had several people say this was the best Vacation ever and they will not miss MOTM again. How cool to be a part of this, so if you are a MOTM virgin as you read this, start making plans for next year.

As we close out the year I want to thank all of you for your commitment to our club. Your passion and enthusiasm is the reason we enjoyed several rewards in 2010, including the Community Service Award from Berks County Crime Alert along with being honored by JDRC at their annual Gala. The Berks County Parrot Head Angel Foundation was formed in 2010. Along with these major accomplishments we supported several Charities and donated over \$30,000.00 to date. And we still have the Toys for Tots party and do not forget the Caribbean Island Christmas Show on December 18th with Jimmy and the Parrots and Nadirah Shakoor along with some special Coral Reefer guests.

I am excited about 2011 and see more exciting things for the BCPHC as we continue to grow.

Merry Christmas to all of you and make 2011 a great year,

Denny

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore ~ Andre Gide

2010 Meeting of the Minds

Duane Cahill

Year 19 of the annual Meeting of the Minds brought yet another record contingent of Berks County Parrot Heads to Key West November 3-6 for the annual gathering of phlocks from all over the country.

Over 60 of us made the trip by land or sea to party and relax in the Southernmost city in the continental United States. We had one of the largest turnouts of any of the clubs in attendance - including the Key West Club itself!

The corner of South St and Duval St was overrun with Berks Countians, most of whom had booked accommodations within two blocks of that intersection. Mornings began at a leisurely pace, as we were living on Key West time, but as the sun continued its climb into the sky, so did many of our own members.

Highlights of the trip included:

- A pub crawl up the Keys to some “locals” establishments.
- A private jet flight for some followed by an in-house party at the Reach.
- A cookout for the entire club at Southernmost Point Guest House.
- Seeing (and joining) Jimmy and the Parrots as they played at Schooner Wharf. And the Rum Barrel. And the Casa Marina.
- Throwing beads from the balcony to the crowd below at the annual Street Fest.
- Taking a tour of all of Jimmy’s favorite haunts on the island.
- Mustang Sallie doing her thing at the Bull.
- Late-night pizza, hip-hop and dancing on the bar at Big ‘Uns.
- Seeing name trop-rock acts like Peter Mayer, Kelly McGuire, the Boat Drunks, Fingers Taylor and Amy Lee in various bars around town.
- Bull-riding at Cowboy Bill’s.
- Gorgeous Key West sunsets.

Key West is a special place for many reasons. And the fact that a little group from Berks County, PA can turn out in such a huge way speaks volumes to just what an outstanding club we belong to.

While pictures will capture the event memories in all of our minds, it’s really the newly-created friendships, bonding and camaraderie that made this trip unique and one that will forever remain in our hearts.



One day, 26 Parrot Heads, 30 miles, eight bars.

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Kris and Diane get together for a drink at the Square Grouper restaurant.





Travelin' Clean

Lou Mancano

On a warm October Sunday afternoon, over 40 people donned in orange vests and canvas gloves loaded into their vehicles at the Third and Spruce parking lot and headed off to a one-mile stretch of A1A—or perhaps it was Route 222. No, this wasn't a group required to exchange community service hours for DUIs, nor a prison chain gang commissioned to highway construction, but was our own Parrot Head volunteers conducting our biannual highway cleanup.

As motorists honked their horns in support of our efforts, the enthusiastic cleanup crew gathered an assortment of cans, bottles, plastic, paper—and as always a few items of interest. These included an American Flag (the contest winner), a Washington Redskins banner (perhaps a remnant from Donovan McNabb's trip from Philly to DC?), a cell phone, a syringe, and an old flip flop found near a pop top. Under sunny skies, the cleanup crew filled over 40 bags of trash from both sides of the one-mile stretch of highway and piled them up in our designated area along with blown out tires, metal, road kill and other various items.

Of course, the group took advantage of the photo op, perched on a concrete wall above the trash as our daring photographers stood along the highway while high-speed 18-wheelers cruised on by. By mid-afternoon, we were all sure that come Monday, the highway would look noticeably cleaner to all of our commuter friends. Ahh, what a good feeling! As I got into a car to head back to Third and Spruce, I witnessed a piece of trash launched from a truck window—kind of a permanent reminder of a temporary feeling.

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More Key West Pictures



Membership/Renewal Form



Berks County Parrot Head Club

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ!!!

It's renewal time again! Current memberships will expire on December 31, 2010. In order keep information current, all payments must be accompanied by a completed renewal form. Additional forms are available online at www.berkscountyphc.org.

Membership Renewal From

Couple (\$25) Single (\$20) Additional Family Member(s) under 21yrs old (\$5/person)

Member Name 1: _____	Member Name 2: _____
Street address: _____	Street address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____	City, State & Zip: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: (____) _____	Phone:(____) _____
Birth date: __/__/____	Birth date: __/__/____

Additional family member names and birthdates: _____

Are you interested in joining a committee? Yes No
 If yes, please check the committees you are interested in.
 Membership Events Sponsorship
 Volunteers Merchandise Newsletter

Make checks payable to: Berks County Parrot Head Club or BCPHC

Mail to:
Berks County Parrot Head Club, Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 6167
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Renewal forms are also available on our website at, www.berkscountyphc.org

Quick Licks w/Michael Crawley Tracey Lutz



What a smokin' hot set! Schooner's was rocking during MOTM. Jimmy (Maraventano, Sr.), Jimmy Jr. and Hal were joined onstage by Michael "Crawdaddy" Crawley and a few other friends. Crawdaddy has been playing the harp (harmonica) ever since his Grandma gave him one at the age of eight. He has played with more great musicians than I can fairly give credit to here. Michael is half of the blues duo The Detroitdaddies with his "brother from another mother", Tall Paul. After I caught my breath, I was lucky enough to grab Michael and ask him a couple of questions.

You've played Trop Rock all over the place—do you have a favorite Parrot Head moment?

There has been a lot. My all time was when I was asked to loan Fingers (Taylor, of the Coral Reefer band) some equipment 'cause they were doing a Tropical Fest in Knoxville. So they came up and got my amplifier from me on Friday. And they asked me to come down. So I go down for sound check on Saturday and I look up, and I'm standing on stage there at the Little Knoxville amphitheater at the World's Fair Park, and Greg "Fingers" Taylor was carrying my amp down to play this gig. Oh my freakin' god! And that was the first time I met him. So we did the sound check and then we went out to lunch, just the two of us. The place was empty and I was just in awe. Like, "Dude, I've been listening to you since I was a kid!" That was the moment. It was pretty cool.

Do you have a regret?

Oh—hell no! Well, back in the 70's, I probably shouldn't have taken those freakin' drugs. So every now and then, I think back and yeah, I wish I had that money back, I wish I had those brain cells back, blah, blah, blah. But no—no regrets.

What's your next dream?

Well, I'm making a really solid studio record with my original material. And I'm almost ready. The only thing I'm waiting on is the money and a little time. But it's gonna happen! It's been great.

Hey Crawdaddy, thanks for jammin' with Jimmy & Jimmy & Hal & friends at Schooner's. I wish all our Parrot Heads could have been there for that rockin' set! And for those who weren't there for the little announcement - well - let's just say we are hoping to see Crawdaddy phlock north soon!



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Strange Birds

Brandy Lorah



Our featured Strange Bird this month is our Club Secretary, Brandy Lorah, who was just elected for her second term in the position on the BCPHC board. You can't miss her at our monthly meetings, as she is always sitting in the corner behind the keyboard making sure that all club happenings make it into the official meeting minutes.

Brandy was born in West Reading and graduated from Wilson High School. She later graduated from Dickinson College and is currently working on her MBA from Alvernia.

She is the Director of Contact Center Systems & Process Improvements at Boscov's Dept. Stores. That's a really long title. Ask her what it means sometime.

FUN FACTS ABOUT BRANDY

Favorite Jimmy Buffett song: Best I can do is top five at the moment: If It All Falls Down, Defying Gravity, Party At The End Of The World, 12-Volt Man, Miss You So Badly

Favorite line from a JB song: "If a hurricane doesn't leave you dead, it will make you strong. Don't try to explain it, just nod your head; breathe in, breathe out, move on."

How many JB concerts have you been to, and was one any more memorable than the others? I've lost count...Boston 2002, West Palm 2001, and Camden this year were all amazing, but the best ever was Camden in June 2000. I flew home from Boston to surprise my dad (with Tina's help) for Father's Day and took him to the show. He was super-excited, the set list was amazing, and we had a great time!

Have you read any of JB's books? Yes - all of them.

If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, what would you listen to? Jack Johnson, Vampire Weekend, Dave Mathews Band

Favorite food: Chicken Caesar.

Favorite restaurant: Stouch Tavern

What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise? No red meat, please!

Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction: Sapphire and tonic with lemon (preferably made by Jeff Blatt)

How did you get involved in the BCPHC? Through my parents (Denny and Tina)

What one thing would you like to do in life that you haven't already done? Learn to scuba dive.

Any insights or inspirations to pass on? It's amazing how far the club has evolved beyond its original scope and how much has been accomplished in just eight years, both in terms of financial contributions and the relationships we've developed in the community. Our club really does have the coolest (and hardest-working) people in the county. I'm so proud to be part of it!

Where the heck is Margaritaville? Preferably on a beach with cocktails...but really, anywhere our BCPHC friends are gathered!

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Match the song lines or Buffett facts to the island to which they refer

Happy Birthday to the BCPHC!!

Lou Mancano

Immediately following our biannual highway cleanup on October 24, over sixty BCPHC Parrot Heads gathered at the Third and Spruce Café to celebrate eight years of fun, fellowship, and partying with a purpose. Since being established in 2002, the club’s leadership and members have successfully raised over \$260,000 for the betterment of community organizations in Berks County. In addition, the group has entertained in parades, supported local businesses, cleaned highways, has created a foundation of friendships now well over 300 strong - and yes, has been formally recognized for its community service.

No doubt there’s been a lot to drink about since 2002 - an Iraqi War, the Indian Ocean tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the longest recession in US history, the War in Afghanistan, the Gulf oil spill... heck, this is getting depressing. Who can say it better than Jimmy?

“Recession, oppression, depression, good God
CNN keeps bummin’ me out
I can’t take another doomsday minute
Got a lot to drink
A lot to think
A lot to drink about”

However, like a beacon in a lighthouse, the BCPHC has guided its members through it all with Parrot Daze, winter Cabin Fever parties, pub crawls, Buffett concert events, Christmas in the Caribbean, Nadirah Shakoor, Meeting of the Minds... and the list goes on.

To celebrate these eight incredible years, the afternoon was filled with friends, food, spirits, conversation, and of course birthday cake and big screen football on a Sunday afternoon... all before 5 o’clock. Special thanks go out to our hosts John and Peggy Woodward - and to Bryan Gentry for donating and raffling off a Sixers basketball package. Have a toast with your favorite beverage to another year of fun and friendship.

Time to go home...

Trivia (Islands - Try to book passage)

Rich Leiby

Match the song lines or Buffett facts on the left to the correct name of the island on the right.

Two clues: 1) Some questions refer to song lyrics that may mention a town or a city, not the island it’s on. You must choose the correct island (that’s why it’s trivia). 2) There are two extra islands listed, so not all will match up. Answers can be found on the website.

Bankie Banx and Jimmy recorded here	Antigua
Where the Hemisphere Dancer had “only come for chicken”	Zanzibar
You might go to Duke’s on Sunday here	Hawaii
You may see the Southern Cross after a downhill run to here	Key West
See the sun set from Mallory Square	St. Thomas
Home of Robert Greenidge	New Providence
Where you’ll find the ashes of “Autour du Rocher”	Anguilla
Jimmy ushered in 2001 from here	Tahiti
Where you might eat “cool conch salad, in the shade”	Jamaica
Where the girl from Cincinnati landed after “three days on a boat”	Trinidad
	Oahu
	St. Barts

Quick Licks with Davey Werkhiser

Tracey Lutz

Davey Werkhiser was on stage with Jimmy & Jimmy (of Jimmy and the Parrots) at Schooner's helping to bring up the heat. Those spoons were flying and everyone was dancing and singing along. Davey has been rockin' for over 30 years. A drummer at heart, Davey is the lead singer and front man for Davey and the Waverunners, a great Jimmy Buffett tribute band. If you haven't had the Waverunners experience yet you can catch the wave at the BCPHC Cabin Fever Fest on January 30th.

So Davey, do you have a favorite Parrot Head moment?

My favorite Parrot Head moment was watching young Jimmy (Maraventano, Jr.) when he was 15, scared to death at my open mic night and just look at that little s#*@ now! I love him. I love him and his dad (Jimmy Maraventano, Sr.) and the whole crazy family!

After all this time, do you have a regret?

Yeah. The only regret I have is that I didn't do this sooner. That I didn't start as a Parrot Head sooner. I was a rocker for years, playing the drums and now, now I'm a Parrot Head. I love these people (as he looks around the party at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West). I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Just look at 'em.

What's your hope for the future as a band member?

My hope is to have a great band and that people have a good time. And that they like my original stuff. We are almost done with *Cooler by the Sea* which is a complete album.

Thanks Davey and we'll see ya in January!

"The only regret I have is that I... didn't start as a Parrot Head sooner"

In 25 words (more) or less

Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman While the Caribbean Christmas show is just around the corner, we also have our eye on our next big event - Cabin Fever on January 30. There will be signup forms at the next two meetings if you'd like to help.

We Need More Junior Mints (Sponsorship Committee) - Sam Beam The sponsorship committee is always looking for new sponsors. Do you have a contact for us? It's better if we have a referral. Please help us help the club and advise anyone on the committee if you do.

Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Duane Cahill I can't thank everyone enough for your support. Despite not winning any awards for Parrot Poop in Key West, the general consensus in the club is that we have a pretty terrific publication here, and since this is YOUR newsletter, that's far more important to the committee than any award that the PHIP would want to bestow upon us.

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk Wait 'til you see all our great Parrot Head merchandise at Cabin Fever! We'll have something for everyone, whether at the purchase table, the silent auction or the Chinese raffle.

Party With a Purpose (Events Committee) - Jodi Blatt Winter is on the way, but Events still has lots of partying with a purpose planned. Let's all come out for our holiday event and collect a ton of toys for the children of Berks County at our Toys for Tots happy hour on 12/10. Celebrate the season with your Parrot Head friends and bring unwrapped toys for the kids. January brings Cabin Fever Fest on 1/30 and this year we're including a buffet in the ticket price, \$20 for members until 1/20 after which the price will be \$25. Get your tickets early!!!!

Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft Animal Rescue League will be our 2011 Cabin Fever Festival charity and BCPS/ Berks Connections will be the charity for our golf outing in May. Thanks to all who nominated charities!

If the Phone Doesn't Ring (Membership Committee) - Shawn Guevin It's membership renewal time again. Don't miss a minute of the excitement that will be the ninth year of the BCPHC. Renewals are \$20 per person or \$25 per couple, with an extra \$5 for each family member under 21 years old.

Christmas in the Caribbean Show



Mike Utley and Doyle Grisham made a cameo appearance at the BCPHC cookout in Key West on Nov 4 before the Coral Reefers' concert

"Tickets are going fast, and are available directly from the Miller Center, the venue for the event."

If you liked last year's Christmas in the Caribbean show with Nadirah Shakoor, you're going to LOVE this year's version.

Jimmy and the Parrots will be backing Nadirah Shakoor once again for this year's event, but she is bringing along a couple of names and faces you might recognize.

Joining Nadirah this year will be Jimmy Buffett's producer/keyboard player Michael Utley along with pedal steel guitar player, Doyle Grisham.

The show will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Plenty Problems High School Steel Drum Band from Delaware returning to reprise their opening role of last year. They're sure to get you rocking in your seats from the first song to their encore.

Tickets are going fast, and are available directly from the Miller Center, the venue for the show. If you prefer, you can contact Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000. Whichever you choose, don't wait. This show is almost sold out.

Berks County Crime Watch will benefit from the proceeds of this year's show. If you attended last year's show, you know this is going to be a great time for a good cause. Just one week before Christmas, there will be no better way to get you into both the holiday and the tropical spirit.



Boyertown Parade Diane Renninger

The sun was lowering in the sky as the sound of drills, hammers and staple guns filled the air. It was a couple of hours before the start of the Boyertown Halloween parade as a group of Parrot Heads began to assemble the floats.

In a short time, the Leaky Tiki was ready to set sail as the orange full moon rose high in the sky. Hammers were replaced with swords as pirates and wenches descended upon the parade route with a full ship of volunteers, complete with walkers to toss out our beads and candy.

The crowd cheered as the palm trees swayed and the parrot wings flapped to Buffett tunes that filled the air. Chuck and I were carrying the banner announcing the Berks County Parrot Head club and its list of supported charities from over the years.

I could tell that the crowd was familiar with the float as kids' chants of "candy, candy, candy" were quickly replaced with "I want some beads!" I smiled as I overheard one onlooker say, "here comes my favorite float - I remember it from another parade".

Afterwards, a large group of Parrot Heads quickly disassembled the float with the same spirit and laughter that began the evening.

Our efforts were rewarded with a first place prize. Congratulations, Parrot Heads!

Myerstown Parade

Duane Cahill



With temperatures in the 40's on November 27, the BCPHC really needed a License to Chill as 35+ Berks County Parrot Heads took the show on the road to Lebanon County for the annual Myerstown Holiday Parade.

The 2-mile parade route was lined with enthusiastic spectators who saved some of their biggest cheers for our own Leaky Tiki float. Despite other floats and vehicles throwing candy to the kids, the biggest hit was by far the strands of beads that the Berks County Parrot Heads were giving out.

Throughout the route, the crowd danced and sang along with the Jimmy Buffett music that accompanied our float and I heard at least a half-dozen people remark that ours was their favorite float in the parade. When you consider that over 90 floats enter this parade, that is quite an endorsement!

In addition to the 15 or so marchers, we had another two dozen members riding in the float, tossing beads, firing the cannons and making sure that the party atmosphere continued for the entire length of the parade.

While the thermometer continued to dip after the sun went down, you wouldn't have known it from the passion shown by all who participated.

As we prepare the float for its winter storage, we do so with the knowledge that we have closed out yet another successful parade season with another triumphant parade.

November Elections

At the November general meeting, the BCPHC held our biennial elections for club officers. Re-elected to two year terms were:

President: Denny Lorah

Vice President: Kris Johnson

Vice President: Eileen Davies

Secretary: Brandy Lorah

Treasurer: Tim Kraft

New BCPHC Angel Fund

The Berks County Parrot Head Club has announced the creation of the Berks County Parrot Head Club Angel Fund.

The fund, which will be managed by Berks County Community Foundation, will provide grants for individuals who are in an extraordinary situation where a nominal amount of financial intervention is likely to yield life-changing results.

"We wanted to give back to the community in a unique way," said Denny Lorah, club founder. "We've supported local nonprofit organizations with the proceeds from our Parties with a Purpose for several years, and this fund gives us a chance to expand that charitable work in a new way."

Distributions from the fund are scheduled to begin in fall 2011.



It's Five O'Clock Somewhere



a.k.a. Upcoming Events of 2010-11:

Toys for Tots

Friday, December 10, 2010
Third & Spruce

Christmas in the Caribbean Show featuring Nadirah, Doyle and Utley

Saturday, December 18, 2010
Miller Center

Cabin Fever Festival

Sunday, January 30, 2011
Building 24 Wyomissing

Pirates Port of Call Pub Crawl

Saturday, April 30, 2011
Meeting Place TBA

Spring Highway Cleanup

Sunday, May 1, 2011
Third & Spruce

Golf Outing

Friday, May 14, 2011
Willow Hollow Golf Course



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