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## HELLO from the President's Perch

Hello to all and happy summer 2011, the year of changes to our Berks County Parrot Head Club. The Pirate Pub Crawl in April had several changes this year, and some new and exciting stops for the many pirates and wenches brave enough to board that ship. A special thanks to Bob & Marilyn for all of your efforts. We also had new leadership in our golf outing, new beer tents, and a great steak dinner to end the day. Thanks to Rick and Caitlin for the hard work and to Cheri for providing dinner. Another BCPHC successful event - one thing that never seems to change.



Continuing with change, the Summer Parrot Daze Party will be at the Reading Liederkrantz Grove on July 16. The ticket price has changed this year, but will include lunch and dinner meals. And yes, we have added some German dishes to our traditional items. This is going to be a great location for this event, and one that you don't want to miss. Check the website at [ww.berkscountyphc.org](http://ww.berkscountyphc.org) for details and ticket information.

I have always encouraged and enjoyed change, and we can see the positive results in our club. It may be because I have ADD and my attention span is limited. I think that means take A DRINK DAILY. So have a toast to the continued success of your BCPHC. If you have any great ideas or thoughts you want to share with our plock, please bring them to the next meeting.

*Denny*

**"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt**

## Spring Highway Cleanup *Lou Mancano*

While still recovering from an early Friday morning Royal Wedding and a day-night Saturday marathon Pub Crawl, over twenty pirates, wenches, and other Parrot Heads mustered up the energy to gather at the Wyomissing Applebees on a beautiful warm May 1st Sunday afternoon.

Exchanging “piratey” attire for orange vests, canvas gloves and oversized trash bags – and, of course, a bottle o’ rum for a bottle o’ water - they loaded into their ships and headed off to the club’s one-mile stretch of Route 222 to see what buried treasures awaited them.



Well, they weren’t really pirates in ships looking for buried treasure during their biannual highway cleanup, or perhaps not really looking for treasure at all. Actually they were BCPHC members looking for trash, and they would not be disappointed.

One could say that a few might have been a wee bit hung over from the Royal Wedding and the Pub Crawl, yet all would agree that each member of this enthusiastic lot had a fun time over the next two hours gathering a fine assortment of treasure – okay, it was primarily cans, bottles, plastic, and paper. Of course, mixed in with one man’s trash is always another man’s treasure. These items included a cover torn off a baseball (I bet that batter will deny using steroids too!), a can of Hurricane (before I go insane), a princess balloon (the second place winner), and the contest winner, a wallet containing a military ID, gift cards and a credit card, all of which the club returned to it’s rightful owner. In case you’re wondering, no cash was found.

After a photo of Parrot Heads perched on a concrete wall above their large pile of assorted trash and treasures, everyone headed back over to Applebees for snacks, soft drinks, and yes, an eye opener or two. And why not an eye opener for a few worthy pirates and wenches? You gotta have an eye opener if you’re wearing a patch on the other eye! Drive safely!

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 **Date - July 16, 2011**  
**Location - Reading Liederkrantz**  
**143 Spook Lane, Reading**  
**Time - doors open at 12 noon**

 **Bands**  
**1 - 4:00 - Michael "Crawdaddy" Crawley,**  
**Mark James and Dennis McCaughey**  
**6 - 9:00 - Jimmy and the Parrots**

 **Tickets include a lunch and dinner buffet - \$35 Club members, \$40 non-members, and \$45 at the door - and can be purchased at Tina's Salon & Day Spa, Berkshire Bank or by emailing meandmyboz@aol.com.**



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## Your dollars at work

Duane Cahill

Since our inception, the Berks County Parrot Heads have raised almost \$300,000 for local charities. With all of this money staying within the boundaries of the county, we are one of the largest charitable donors in the area. We have fund-raisers, we present checks, but then - do you ever wonder what happens to the money?

I had the opportunity to visit the Berks County Animal Rescue League with the shelter's president, Barrie Pease, to see what benefits the ARL derived from our donations.

We first walked into the cat quarantine room, which was paid for completely by BCPHC donations. If you're like me, you may have heard about a cat quarantine room and thought, "So, why is this important?"

There were 22 cats in the room, many of them litters of kittens who had been dropped off at the ARL. All showed signs of upper respiratory disease. They couldn't be placed with the regular cat population, as these diseases are highly contagious, and they would infect the other animals in the shelter. Before this room was built, these are animals that would have had to be put down. The ARL has been able to save and find homes for hundreds of cats since this room was built.



Barrie told me that these cats stay an average of 8-10 days, and are routinely checked on by veterinarians, given whatever meds they need, and nursed back to health so that they can be adopted. All of their cages are stainless steel, and need to be disinfected regularly each time a new "tenant" moves in.

Disposable lab coats are required so as not to spread the diseases throughout the facility and a separate ventilation system is required to keep the air from this room from circulating throughout the rest of the ARL.

The money that the club raised from the 2011 Cabin Fever Festival is going to go to good use as well. The ARL is planning on upgrading their current cat adoption room. Upgrades will include new lighting, paint, energy-efficient windows, an upgrade to the ventilation system, and a new floor.

Of the 11,000 animals that the ARL takes in annually, 75% are cats. In the summertime, they will receive between 800-1000 cats every month. Thanks to the BCPHC, many animals that otherwise would have been put down are now living happily with their adoptive families.



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# Strange Birds

Sam Beam



This month's featured strange bird is Sam Beam, the head of our Sponsorship Committee. Sam was born and raised in Berks County. He and Linda have one son, Mike, and four grandchildren. Sam worked for two major independent bearing companies for a total of 39 years. After getting burned out on that, he retired in 2003 and he and Linda now own Hess Embroidery & Uniforms in West Reading. He has a ball selling mostly to the local police, fire, and EMT.

He enjoys working with kids, was a past president of the East Reading AA, and also supports Shriner's Hospitals and Concern for Children & Youth with various activities.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT SAM

**Favorite Jimmy Buffett song:** Come Monday.

**Favorite line from a JB song:** Yes, it's been quite a summer.

**How many JB concerts have you been to, and was one any more memorable than the others?**  
Three - a long time ago, one in (I think) 1969 at JFK in Philadelphia.

**Have you read any of JB's books?** No.

**If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, what would you listen to?** Beatles.

**Favorite food:** Rueben Sandwich.

**Favorite movie:** Patton.

**Favorite restaurant:** Victor's.

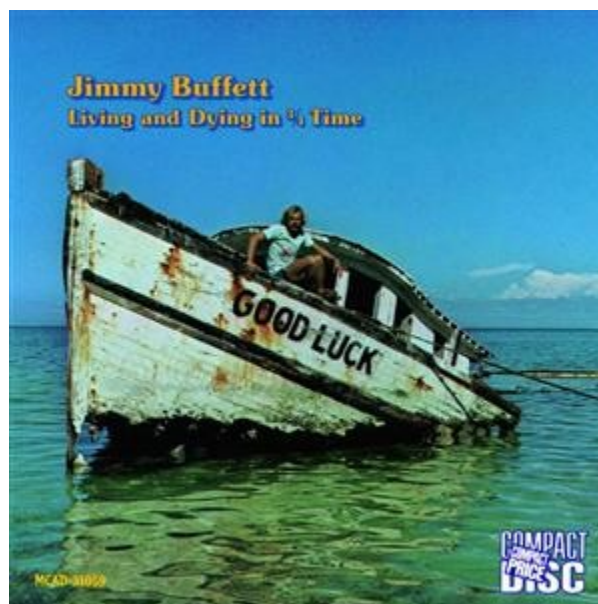
**What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise?** Onions and horseradish.

**Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction:** Half and half (Guinness and Harp).

**How did you get involved in the BCPHC?** I just showed up at a meeting.

**Any insights or inspirations to pass on?**  
Problems in life are like a kidney stone - they are painful, but will pass.

**Where the heck is Margaritaville?** Wyomissing



# Trívía

Rich Leiby

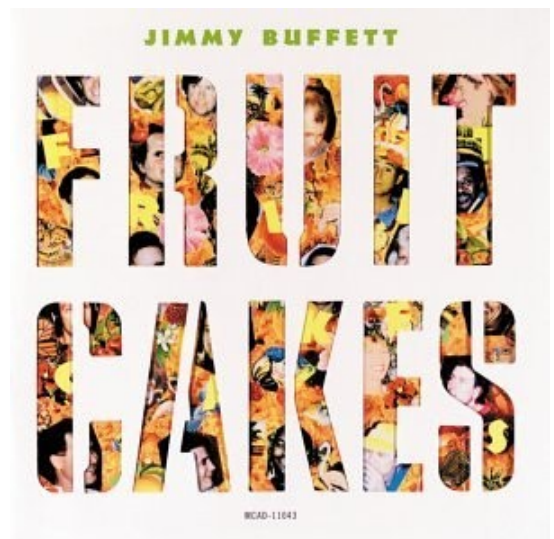
“Your job is to identify the words or phrases in each line... that have changed, and substitute the original wording...”

All of the following lines from Jimmy Buffett songs can be heard in his live concert recordings, are contained in remakes of an original version, or often sung by Parrot Heads misunderstanding what they think that Jimmy is singing. They've become so ingrained in our consciousness that we many not realize that words in the concert/remake/error version deviate from the lyrics that were original wording in the studio.

Your job is to identify the words or phrases in each line below that have changed, and substitute the original wording from the studio recordings. Just to be devious, one of the questions contains no errors! See if you can get all ten corrections. And yes, that means that there can be more than one change per question!

As always, the answers can be found on our website, <http://www.berkscountyphc.org>

1. Livin' on sponge cake, watching the sun bake all of you parrot heads covered with oil. (Margaritaville)
2. I blew out my flip flop, stepped on a pop top. I broke my leg twice; I had to limp on back home. (Margaritaville)
3. Out on a wave was my own darling Lola and some pretty boy who still had his hair. (Who's the Blonde Stranger?)
4. Cheeseburger is paradise, medium rare with mustard be nice. (Cheeseburger in Paradise)
5. I don't go to church and somebody stole my hair. (I Wish I Had A Pencil-Thin Mustache)
6. I knew I could use a Bloody Mary, so I stumbled over to Louie's Backyard (Tryin' To Reason With Hurricane Season).
7. And now you're off on vacation, some things are hard to explain. (Come Monday)
8. Yes, and now you've heard my strange proposal. Get that Packard up and let's move. (Tin Cup Chalice)
9. Billy pulled in to my driveway, red convertible, '65. (Pascagoula Run)
10. Between the river of grass and the old mosquito coast, before the railroad stole the southernmost frontier. (Everybody's Got A Cousin In Miami)



# Quick Licks with Michael Utleby

Tracey Lutz

If you're a Parrot Head, you know Mr. Utleby. You just can't help but love him! As he arrived at the Miller Center last December for our Caribbean Christmas show, Joe Lutz was there to help unload the truck. Mr. Utleby came right up to Joe, shook his hand and said, "Hi, I'm Michael Utleby". All Joe could say was, "Yeah, I know!" Mr. Utleby is just that kind of guy. He won many of us over with his southern charm and talent and we look forward to seeing him again.

## Do you have a favorite Parrot Head moment?

There are way too many to pick just one. This is such a great group of people.

## Did you ever think the Parrot Head movement would be going this long?

No way! I've been with Jimmy Buffett from the start, and in the early 80's we'd be playing a show and we saw these people dressed kind of like you are (in crazy costumes) and we thought WOW! And Cincinnati kind of was the start to all that. The Parrot Heads started later on, but it really started in Cincinnati.

## What's your hope for the future with the band?

Well, we know that JB will stop sometime, but we don't want that to happen.

## Neither do we!

We're hoping that the Parrot Heads still want to hear us and keep showing up for our shows.



## In 25 words (more) or less

**Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman** The golf outing is in the books, and we're looking forward with everyone else to the Summer Parrot Daze Festival. Sign-up sheets for volunteering at various stations will be at our July meeting, or you can e-mail me at askkauffman@aol.com

**We Need More Junior Mints (Sponsorship Committee) - Sam Beam** Sponsorship has started working with Concern for Parrot Daze. We hope to have the major sponsor locked in before the next general meeting. Denny and I were on Concern's TV show June 26. This show is shown several times during the month. Please look for it on all the major stations you know - or just on BCTV!

**Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Duane Cahill** A special thanks to Angie Fegley for coming up with the idea for the new "Your Dollars At Work" feature. This is your newsletter. Let us know what you'd like to see included!

**Pfeeding Pfenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk** Fins UP! Pfeeding Phrenzy is busy getting ready for Parrot Daze! Dance by the merchandise table and see all the new parrot~phanalia. We are always looking for donations, if you would like to donate merchandise for the live auction baskets or live auction. We would appreciate it.

**Party With a Purpose (Events Committee) - Jodi Blatt** Our biggest event of the year is coming up July 16th, so make sure you get your tickets early! Member price is \$35 until our meeting in July. Afterward, member price is the same \$40 as non-members. If you wait until the day of the event, the price will be \$45 at the door. Come and enjoy our new venue.

**Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft** The Charity Committee will be screening charity nominees for next year's events. Thanks for all of the great nominees!

**If the Phone Doesn't Ring (Membership Committee) - Shawn Guevin** If you know someone who has been thinking about joining our club, Parrot Daze would be the ideal time. We will raffle off a basket for all new members who sign up that day.

## Cajun Martinis/Afternoon Golf

What is the surest way to make rain in Berks County? Schedule the annual BCPHC Golf Outing for that day!

OK, so it wasn't the deluge that we've experienced in past years, but we did get a storm rumbling through for about a half-hour. However, that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the golfers on the course, as 30 foursomes got together to support BCPS/Berks Connections.

The day began with a quick lunch, complete with an assortment of beverages (many of which landed in the 60 golf carts traversing the course).

Following lunch, a quick reading of the rules, and then a shotgun start at 1:00 pm and the tournament was on.

This year featured on-course sponsorship/refreshment tents for the first time, and prizes were awarded to each foursome at each tent. Whether it was umbrellas, golf towels, rounds of golf, or even DVD players, each golfer went home with a prize.

There were also raffle drawings, mulligans sold, closest-to-the-pin, pot of gold, longest-drive, and putting contests.

At the end of the 18 holes, the slightly soggy golfers gathered for a steak dinner, courtesy of Boscov's catering. Prizes were awarded, high-fives and stories were exchanged, and winners were recognized.

The real winner this day though, was the charity, for whom we raised over \$6000.

Special thanks go out to Rick Gromis and Caitlin Deigler, who ran the tournament for the first time this year. Everyone agreed that it was a phenomenal time for a good cause.

Additional thanks go to our sponsors for the event, all of the volunteers from the club, Willow Hollow Golf Course, and of course, the golfers who played and opened their wallets for a charitable cause.

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## It's been a lovely cruise

Duane Cahill

This will be my last newsletter as head of the newsletter committee. It is not without some sadness that I step down, as your support over the last two years has been nothing less than overwhelming. I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for your generous comments and overall positive reaction to the changes we made to the newsletters over the last two years. I'd also like to thank the newsletter committee, without whom this would not be possible. It's more than a one-man undertaking. Finally, a big thanks to those of you who always came through with photographs from our events. They always added something special to the mix.

I'm most proud of two accomplishments - 1) we published nine consecutive issues on time and under budget, and 2) by going paperless and bringing the design in-house, we saved thousands of dollars each year - dollars that were able to be spent on our charities and on those who truly need it.

Beginning with the next issue, Dot Imbody will be heading the committee and I'm counting on you to support her as you did me. My heartfelt thanks -

Duane

## What's (coming) Up, Doc?

Here's a quick snapshot of some of the events that we have planned for the upcoming months! Consider this to be kind of a save-the-date type of quick reference.

### Summer Parrot Daze

July 16

Our biggest fund-raiser, Summer Parrot Daze, is getting a new home. Yes, our little club is growing up and needs more space. We will be at the Reading Liederkrantz on Saturday, July 16 and we have quite the lineup of food, fun, entertainment and adult beverages.

Kicking off the entertainment will be Mark James, a perennial BCPHC favorite, with Dennis McCaughey of Tropical Soul. Mark and Dennis have played together before and while they're each great in their own right, the combination of their vast libraries, musical talent and harmonies are sure to bring a great show to a lazy summer afternoon.

Then that evening, it's Jimmy and the Parrots. And it's not just them - Michael "Crawdaddy" Crawley will be bringing his harmonica and joining the band as a special guest.

This is an event that you're not going to want to miss, so make sure that you get your tickets and are ready for a day of Boats, Beaches, Bars, and maybe a Ballad or two.

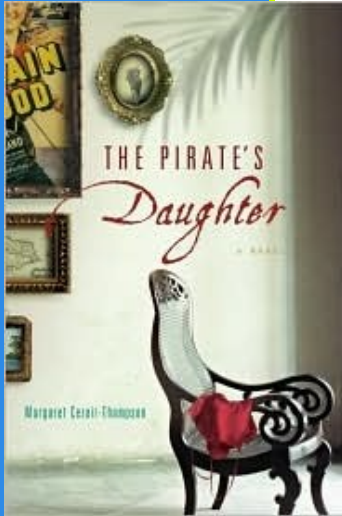
### Highway Cleanup/Birthday

October 23

Join the Berks County Parrot Head Club as we combine two great activities into one great day. On Sunday, October 23, we'll start the day by cleaning up our little stretch of Route 222 between the Penn Ave and Sinking Spring exits. This twice-yearly event is always fun, interesting, and yields some very interesting glimpses into the lives of people who carelessly toss their trash onto the side of the road.

Immediately following the cleanup, we will gather at the Third & Spruce in West Reading to celebrate our NINTH birthday. Yes, the BCPHC has been around for nine years. Over that time, we have had an awful lot to drink about, and we will celebrate in true Parrot Head fashion with a lunch, some prizes, and perhaps an adult beverage or two. Please make sure that you mark this date on your calendar, and plan to celebrate with the rest of the phlock!

## Recommended Reading



Need a book for the beach, or just a lazy summer afternoon? Tracey Lutz recommends *The Pirate's Daughter*.

In 1946, a storm-wrecked boat carrying Hollywood's most famous swashbuckler arrived dramatically and accidentally in Jamaica, and the glamorous world of 1940s Hollywood converged with that of a small West Indian society.

After a long and storied career on the silver screen, Errol Flynn spent much of the last years of his life on a small island off of Jamaica, throwing parties and sleeping with increasingly younger girls.

Based on those years, *The Pirate's Daughter* is the story of Ida, a local girl who has an affair with Flynn that produces a daughter, May, who meets her father but once. Spanning two generations of women whose destinies become inextricably linked with the Hollywood star, *The Pirate's Daughter* tells the provocative history of a vanished era, of uncommon kinships, compelling attachments, betrayal, and atonement in a paradisaical, tropical setting.

May, the illegitimate daughter of Errol Flynn, belongs neither to the emerging black nation of Jamaica nor to the white, expatriate society on the island. Her mother, Ida, romantically adventurous, dreams of a bigger more glamorous world than that of her small seaside town. For them both, trying to find the right way to live their lives is about discovering who they are and where they truly belong.

“Seats are going fast, and if past years are any indication, it’s going to be a great time!”

## Buffett Concert Party Bus

A few bus tickets remain for the Jimmy Buffett concert in Camden June 23. For \$40, you get a round trip from the Berkshire Mall to the concert venue in Camden, parking, a tailgating spot, and more importantly, the peace of mind to know that somebody else will be doing the driving just in case you decide to imbibe a bit.

For that price, it’s BYOB, but it’s still a deal that’s going to be hard to beat. If you’d like to join us, please contact Kris Johnson, [ire2@aol.com](mailto:ire2@aol.com), as quickly as possible. Seats are going fast and if past years are any indication, it’s going to be a great time!



# Summertime Recipes

## EASY COCONUT SHRIMP

1 egg  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
 2/3 cup beer  
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
 2 cups flaked coconut  
 24 shrimp  
 3 cups oil for frying  
 Directions



In medium bowl, combine egg, 1/2 cup flour, beer and baking powder.  
 Place 1/4 cup flour and coconut in two separate bowls.  
 Hold shrimp by tail, and dredge in flour, shaking off excess flour.  
 Dip in egg/beer batter; allow excess to drip off.  
 Roll shrimp in coconut, and place on a baking sheet lined with wax paper.  
 Refrigerate for 30 minutes.  
 Meanwhile, heat oil to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) in a deep-fryer.  
 Fry shrimp in batches: cook, turning once, for 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden brown.  
 Using tongs, remove shrimp to paper towels to drain.  
 Serve warm with your favorite dipping sauce.

## LAVA FLOW

Ingredients:

1 oz. light rum  
 1 oz. Malibu® coconut rum  
 2 oz. fresh or frozen strawberries  
 1 small banana  
 2 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice  
 2 oz. coconut cream

Preparation:

Blend the 2 rums and the strawberries in a blender to form a smooth paste. Pour this mixture into a tall (Collins or Hurricane) glass. Rinse the blender. Blend the banana, the coconut cream, and the pineapple juice in blender with crushed ice until smooth. Pour this mixture into the glass with the rums very slowly and watch as the strawberry mixture oozes its way to the top along the sides of the glass creating the flowing lava effect. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and paper umbrella.



For a quick summertime treat, try the recipes to the left.

Directions:  
 Kick back and enjoy!



# *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere*



## *a.k.a. Upcoming Events of 2011:*

### **Summer Parrot Daze**

Saturday, July 16, 2011  
Reading Liederkranz

### **Fall Highway Cleanup**

Sunday, October 23, 2011  
Third & Spruce

### **Club Birthday Party**

Sunday, October 23, 2011  
Third & Spruce

### **Meeting of the Minds**

November 3-6, 2011  
Key West, FL

### **Christmas in the Caribbean**

Saturday, December 17, 2011  
Miller Center  
Reading, PA



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