



# parrot poop

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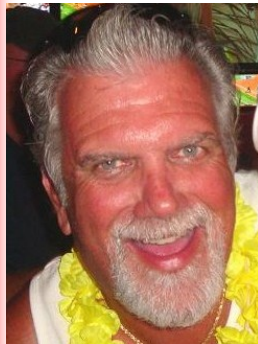
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## From the President's Perch

**H**ello to all Parrot Heads and Happy Spring. As the

weather outside begins to suit your clothing, our BCPHC is heating up as well. By the time this newsletter is published, I am certain we will have completed another successful BCPHC Golf outing to benefit the Berks County Blind Association. A special thanks to Rick and Catlin for all of your efforts.

Our next event will be the 10th annual Summer Parrot Daze Party on July 21st. We will be back at the Reading Liederkrantz. Proceeds will benefit the Berks County Children's Home. The Kenhorst Dairy Queen will be the Major Sponsor and the food will be á la carte this year. Jimmy and the Parrots will be playing along with their special guest, Crowdaddy. Don't miss this one! Check out our club web site ([www.berkscountyPHC.org](http://www.berkscountyPHC.org)) for ticket information.

Also, please make sure to attend the June 5th general meeting for preliminary details on our 10th birthday party in Las Vegas on October 27th to see the man himself, Jimmy Buffett, at the MGM Grand Hotel. We will also have Meeting of the Minds information and — for all of you who are spoiled— a combined Las Vegas/MOTM trip option. After that, we are on to the 5th annual Christmas Show scheduled for December 15th, to benefit Crime Alert. You guessed it; we will be back at the Miller Center. Please save these dates so that you can enjoy these special events with your parrot head family as we “Party with a Purpose.” It's a great way to support our local charities!

Thanks to all for your commitment to making our club one of the best!

*The Prez, Denny*

## 2012 Pirate Pub Crawl

Eileen Davies



on Saturday, April 28th,

the BCPHC annual Pub Crawl hit the highways of the area, as we disembarked from our first port at 1PM. Jimmy G's Railroad House in Sinking Spring was our gathering place for the beginning of a wonderful adventure that our Queen Wench and Head Pirate had mapped out for us. Months of meticulous planning led to a secret trip and treasure hunt that all of the mateys on board of our vessel anxiously awaited. After Marilyn's initial welcome and sketchy hints, we were happily on our way! Bountiful booty was awarded for an array of contests and well-planned surprises. Jimmy Buffett tunes accompanied us as we enjoyed grog, laughs, and fellowship along the way.



Our next port was Scooters in Lititz, where we happily scrambled to attempt to locate the first piece of our Pirate Puzzle. The lucky wench, Caitlin Degler found the sought-after treasure at that location. Next, our ship's captain navigated us to the Waterfront in Lancaster. What a cozy and quaint stop this turned out to be! Again, sweet Caitlin found the second puzzle piece....arrghhh! All aboard again to travel to our next destination, which was the John Wright House in Wrightsville. Formerly a foundry located on the Susquehanna river, this port

was rich with Civil War history. The head chef kindly told us a great tale of the supposed turning point of this infamous battle. Ms. Degler found the third much sought-after piece of the pirate puzzle.

Then it was on to our last stop; Loxley's Hotel and Restaurant in Lancaster. We were all able to gather at the outside bar for a fun, warm dinner, made even warmer by the heaters that were available! With full bellies and fond memories, we filed back into our ship with wheels as we began our trip back to our home port. What fun we had as we finished our day the way we began it; with laughs, friendship, and such an appreciation for the wonderful people that surrounded us as we "escaped" to such unique places! Heartfelt thanks go out to Marilyn & Bob Baertschy for their time and creativity to make this such a fun and memorable event for us ALL!



*Photographs courtesy of Patti Geiger*



## Spring Highway Cleanup

Lou Mancano

Having barely recovered from a marathon Pub Crawl, nine Berks County Parrot Heads made their way to the Wyomissing Applebee's for a beautiful April Sunday afternoon Spring Highway Cleanup. Some appeared bleary-eyed, even perhaps a tad hung over, but what the group lacked in numbers and energy, they made up in Parrot Head pride and enthusiasm.



Donning their usual orange vests and canvas gloves, the caravan headed to the Club's mile-long stretch of Route 222 to discover what trash and treasures awaited them. As usual, they were not disappointed.

Amidst the usual cans, bottles, paper, plastic, cigarette butts and tire remnants, the group spent the next couple of hours uncovering an interesting assortment of treasures.

Among the treasures were an intact liter bottle of Corona *Cerveza Mas Fina* and a fresh bottle of Vampire red wine. Other items included a cat house, an unopened Trojan condom, a 20-foot extension ladder, a bikini bottom, and the winner – a crisp \$20 bill. How did all of these items end up on the same stretch of highway? My best bet is that a group of pirates became shipwrecked while making their way to a cat house somewhere near Route 222. They brought along a few essentials - -their favorite beverages, prophylactics, and, of course, cash. Exactly how the extension ladder and the “woman to blame’s” bikini bottom fit in to the story is anyone’s guess, but go ahead and use your imagination.



The Highway Cleanup ended with the ceremonial Parrot Head photograph of smiling club members perched on a concrete wall – this year peering down at almost thirty bags of assorted trash, treasures, and other large junk items. Afterwards, everyone headed back to Applebee's for lunch and a few adult beverages. Rumor has it that the winning \$20 bill was used to purchase three pitchers of beer – but that'll be our secret. See you next time!

Photography courtesy of Mary Ann Mancano



# Golf Outing

Mike Kerper

*B*ack in the wintertime, months before the annual golf tournament, when we were facing bipolar weather trends (35 and sunny one day, 75 and rainy the next) - someone in the club predicted that the golf tournament would enjoy a sunny, 80-degree day. Well, our very own Nostradamus could not have predicted it more accurately!

On May 18, ninety golfers and twenty volunteers gathered at Willow Hollow Golf Club in Bern Township to drive, chip, and putt for a purpose (and maybe even consume a few libations or cigars). This year's tournament benefited a truly worthy cause, the Berks County Association for the Blind, a local non-profit agency that provides needed services to blind and vision-impaired citizens.



Photo courtesy Mike Kerper

At 1 o'clock, the golfers zoomed away from the club house in their zippy carts and enjoyed 18 holes of camaraderie before returning to the lower pavilion to kick back and enjoy their chicken and clambake dinner. During our dinner, we were serenaded by the sweet sounds of Roy McCutcheon, a local blind pianist who gave a first hand testimony to the services that Berks Association for the Blind provides. After dinner, the winners of the Chinese auction were announced. Also announced were the winners for the longest drive, straightest drive, putting contest, and best and worst scores.

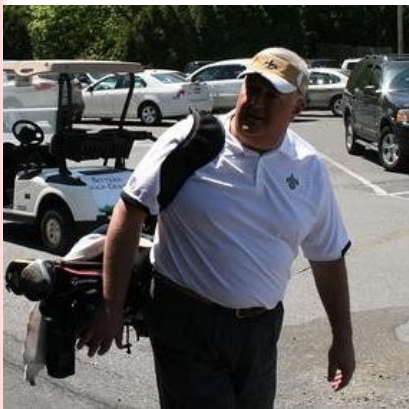


Photo courtesy Jerry Standefer, Sr.

As with all of BCPHC clubs events, fun, food, and drinks were enjoyed for the betterment of those within our community. A big thanks go to the golf tournament committee, the sponsors, and to all of the volunteers who put in countless hours to make this event a success! You got a hole-in-one on my score card!

## Did you know that.....?

June 23, 2007, was officially designated "Jimmy Buffett Day" in Pennsylvania by resolution No. 333 of the PA State House of Representatives (adopted four days earlier) in recognition of the work that Parrot Head Clubs do to raise money for charities statewide.

## YEA MON! Cruising with Jimmy and the Parrots

Cheri Quevin



On a chilly day in March, eight or so BCPHC club members headed south to the “Place where the Boat leaves from.” We took the Carnival Freedom “Yea Mon Cruise” sponsored by Beach Front Radio and Living Like a Pirate Clothing, featuring our own Jimmy and the Parrots. Immediately after boarding, we entered the cocktail lounge to have a few boat drinks until we set sail. First stop: Key West.

After a trip to the Green Parrot, we made our way to a Meet and Greet hosted by Artist Koz at Green World Gallery. We even had a surprise visit by our own Dave and Janet Nathan. Guest Musicians joined the Parrots’ mini-concert and soon it was time to go to Smokin’ Tuna where Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24 entertained us complete with his Outboard Motor Margaritas. Jimmy and the Parrots played to a packed house of excited party-goers. We were treated to a private “Meet and Greet” complete with open bar as we met lots of other Yea Mon Cruisers from New Jersey, California, and points in between.



Our next port of call was Grand Cayman where we checked out the



local shops, took a ride to the beach, and sipped a few Landsharks at Margaritaville. The fun continued with a private concert in the ship’s lounge where we learned that the Phins to the West Club was selling purple wristbands for DJ Jeff Allen’s cancer charity. Our Prez, Denny, challenged all present to chip in and within fifteen minutes, \$1,200 was raised for pancreatic cancer.

Our last stop was Ocho Rios, Jamaica, where we took a ride up the mountain for the breathtaking view, some shopping, and (again) a few drinks at Margaritaville. The band entertained us with another private concert. The meal was capped off by a performance of the Mailman Song after the servers entertained us.

Our last day was by far the best with a public Jimmy and the Parrots concert on the lido deck, attended by 800-plus cruisers. Always the entertainer, Jimmy Jr. played his guitar in the hot tub. The band rocked the house, or should I say the ship?

This cruise was one our most memorable vacations— and if you get the chance to go on Yea Mon Cruise TAKE IT! Yea Mon, Yea Mon, here we come.....

Photography courtesy Denny Lorah



## Quick Licks w/ Hal B. Selzer

Tracey Lutz

*(Part 1 of a 2-part interview) “Hal–Hal–Hal,” is our Parrot Head cheer for our favorite Trop Rock bass player. We’ve seen him bouncing on stage with Jimmy and the Parrots at many of our events. But did you know that Hal has been performing with Rock of Ages on Broadway for years? And did you know that he is producing a new TV show?*

**PP: How did you get to Broadway?**

HBS: Rock of Ages had been off Broadway when it got picked up to move to Broadway. The main bass player that was doing the show takes off to do other tours just like everybody in the band. When it moved to Broadway he was having trouble finding subs to cover him and he called me.

**PP: Did it help that you were close to NY?**

HBS: There are a lot of Broadway musicians but they weren’t comfortable on stage with the wig and all the makeup. They are used to being in the orchestra pit. You have to memorize the whole show. There’s choreography, and you have to do a lot of this... (Hal holds up his hands in the familiar horn symbol – index and pinky finger nails painted black of course). He tried calling a few “rock” players but you have to be really disciplined to play exactly the same every night because the singers and dancers rely on the parts you’re playing for their cues.

**PP: How long ago did all this happen?**

HBS: Almost three years. It started on Broadway in April 2009 and I joined them in May 2009. It’s nominated for five Tony Awards and the movie is out in June.

**PP: Did you get a phone call for the movie?**

HBS: Actually, I did. A lot of us did. They asked us if we wanted to be extras. It was shot last summer in Ft. Lauderdale but I couldn’t make it. I may regret not going because the guys who went said it was fun and you can see them clearly on screen. When a Broadway show is successful they also do a touring company. Everyone in the band was the same except the bass player, and I was asked to tour. It’s a week in every city. It’s a big nine month commitment. You’re gone. You don’t go home. I said I would love to do it but I can’t go away for that long. But I did fill in for a month.

**PP: Where did you wind up going?**

HBS: Philadelphia, Raleigh, (NC), then to New Orleans – which was really a blast – then right to Key West to play at MOTM. I was away for over a month but it was a lot of fun. I just got called for Chicago. I’m going out there to do four shows next month. It’s such a blast to do the show on Broadway and then also get to do it on the road.



Photos courtesy Emil Schanzenbach

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Meet the new Vice President!

Samantha Kerper

*(Ed. Note—In a recent meeting, the BCPHC Board selected Samantha Kerper to be interim Vice President, filling the position vacated by Kris Johnson. Sam and her husband Michael have been club members for two years and have distinguished themselves with service on various committees. The staff of ParrotPoop asked Sam to jot down her thoughts on being named interim Vice President by way of welcoming her to the leadership team. )*

Greetings fellow BCPHC Parrotheads! I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me or don't know much about me! My name is Samantha Kerper and I'm looking forward to serving you and the Club as interim Vice President.

Two of my greatest joys in life are helping people and being creative. As a new voice on the Board, I want to reach out to new community groups. I help direct the public relations for the company I work for, so I hope to bring those skills to expanding the number of charities we support, particularly in the area of animal welfare (my great love for animals has me very motivated in that direction!). As for membership, I have a ton of ideas for spreading the word about what our club has to offer to new people in the hopes of getting them involved with us. In short, I will do my best to further the causes of the organization to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with you and getting to know all of you a little bit better. It is an honor to serve you all!

Quick Licks

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**PP: Did you ever think that you would be on Broadway?**

HBS: No way. But when I'm up there on stage, sometimes I think, "Am I really here on a Broadway stage?" I'm a rock and roller! What am I doing up there?! But it is so much fun. My parents have both passed on and they didn't like rock and roll very much. But I often think that they are looking down and are proud of me. They would like that I'm on a Broadway stage.

**PP: Besides all of your musical talents, you are also producing a new TV show?**

HBS: I've been doing the music end of a new show called Rock Star Kitchen. The Executive Producer is also the producer of Rock of Ages. It's a cooking show but each week has a different rock star as the guest. So far we've had Foreigner, Eddie Money, and Chubby Checker. They cook their favorite meal with the help of a chef and then they play a couple of acoustic songs and jam around the kitchen table. *(Note: Rock Star Kitchen debuted on April 17th 2012 on the Comcast Network in select markets. Episodes can be seen on Hulu.com).*

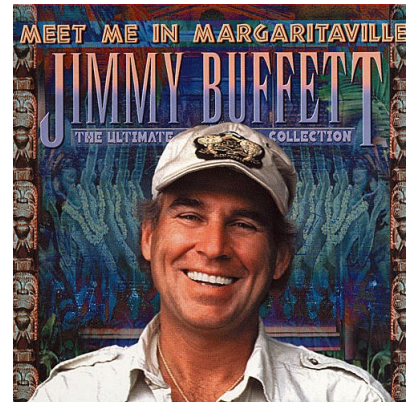
**PP: Is it everything you thought it was going to be?**

HBS: It's more. At first I thought "This is Broadway, where's the catering and after show parties?" But it's not like that. Everybody leaves. I was a little disappointed but now that I've done it for a while, I hang out with the cast, especially on weekends when there are two shows a day. It's everything and more. Not only getting to do the show but being with the best theatre people in the world! They are all the best at what they do and it is amazing to get to be included in that. I am lucky! I count my blessings. I am thankful that I get to do it.

(Our interview concludes next issue)

Trivia :

*"I've got you covered!"* Rich Leiby



We all know that Jimmy is quite a song writer in his own right with hits such as Margaritaville, Come Monday, and One Particular Harbour, to mention just a few. However, you must have noticed that he also relies heavily on covering what we might call "the standards," rock-and-roll songs that were hits for other artists long before Jimmy put his own personal magic to them.

Your mission this time, should you decide to accept it, is to consider the songs Jimmy has performed in the left hand column and match them up with the artist that made that song a hit (or at least famous) in the right hand column. For example, if you were to see "Brown-Eyed Girl" in the left, you would of course have to match it up with "Van Morrison" on the right. Simple, no? Well, maybe for those of my generation who grew up with the older tunes; perhaps not so for younger crowd. Hence, a different scoring scheme is given below to "handicap" younger players.

Of course, there are a few extra artists thrown in the right hand column and (just to be nasty) *one song in the left hand column that doesn't match with any artist* in the right. Good luck!!!



***Back to the Island***

***City of New Orleans***

***Everybody's Talking***

***Great Heart***

***Hey Good Lookin'***

***Mexico***

***Sail on Sailor***

***Silver Wings***

***Southern Cross***

***Sunny Afternoon***

***Take the Weather With You***

***Uncle John's Band***

***Wildflowers***

***Arlo Guthrie***

***Beach Boys***

***Bob Marley***

***Crosby, Stills, and Nash***

***Crowded House***

***Grateful Dead***

***Hank Williams***

***James Taylor***

***Johnny Clegg and Savuka***

***Johnny Nash***

***Kinks***

***Leon Russell***

***Merle Haggard***

***Tom Petty***

Scoring if you are over the age of 45:

12-13 Rock god/goddess    10-11 You know your covers!    8-9 Weaknesses uncovered    0-7 Did you only listen to classical as a kid?

Scoring if you are under the age of 45:

11-13 Way ahead of your time    8-10 You grew up with cool parents    5-7 Bone up!    0-4 Yes, there was music before Buffett!



*Club Music: Latitude 24 performs at Street Fair*

Mike Kerper

After the golf tournament on May 18, some of the club members strolled over to the West Reading Street Fair to see some familiar faces playing those "songs we know by heart."

Our very own *Latitude 24* took over the sidewalk at 4th and Penn. Their renditions of our favorite Buffett and Marley songs (among others) sprinkled the streets like a warm salt water breeze. Their songs were the sound track for the 4-7 year old future Parrott Heads playing a (hopefully) non-alcoholic version of beer pong 20 feet away! You can never start too soon, I suppose.



Photo courtesy Mike Kerper

The group performs only to raise money for charity, and has already made contributions to the club's Angel Fund. They have two more private gigs scheduled this summer that will raise more funds for that worthy cause. Keep an eye out for *Latitude 24*! We hope they have some more shows soon!

*Phledgling Phlockers:*

*Welcome to the Club!!!*



**Janet Weiss**



**Nick Sorgini**



**Denise Ruby**



# Strange Birds

featuring **Tom and Pam Mennie**



This edition of the Parrot Poop features (for the first time) a couple, Tom and Pam Mennie. Tom and Pam live in Elverson and both are bankers. Pam is an Assistant Vice President at Sovereign Bank and Tom is the CFO at Stonebridge Bank in West Chester. They met when Tom walked into Pam's branch to get a money order to buy Buffett tickets on eBay, and the rest is history! They both like to travel, especially tropical places where they can hang out on the beach, sail, snorkel, and try to drink all the various rum punches.

## Some phun phacts about Tom and Pam:

**Favorite Jimmy Buffett song:** Pam: *Last Mango in Paris/Bigger Than the Both of Us (our wedding song)*

Tom: *Tin Cup Chalice/The Weather is Here I Wish You Were Beautiful*

**Favorite Jimmy Buffett song line:** Pam: *"I asked her who's Dan? and she said, Who's Marie?"*

Tom: *"Give me oysters and beer, for dinner every day of the year, and I'll feel fine!"*

**Favorite place to be while listening to troprock music:** *On a catamaran sailing around St. Barts.*

**How many concerts have you been to and was one more memorable than the others?:**

Pam : *1991 Mann Music Center (very first show!)* Tom: *1993 Merriweather Post Pavilion/Father's Day weekend with my dad*

**If all your Buffett music was stolen, what would you listen to?:** *Jim Morris/Jerry Jeff Walker/Todd Snider*

**Favorite food:** Pam: *Stone Crabs* Tom: *Fresh Grouper at Louie's Backyard.*

**Favorite movie:** Pam: *The Princess Bride* Tom: *Blues Brothers.*

**Which Coral Reefer, other than Jimmy, is your favorite? :** *Fingers Taylor. We saw him at the North Star in Philly in the mid 90's and was lucky enough to spend some time with him after the show.*

**Drink of choice:** Pam: *Pain Killer* Tom: *Dark and Stormy*

**How did you get involved in the BCPHC?:** *We have been going to see Jimmy & the Parrots for almost ten years (they played our wedding reception) and had been in other parrot head clubs in the area (including the Tri-State/Pirates) since 1995 (Tom) and 2000 (Pam).*

**Any insights or inspirations to pass on?:** *Roll with the punches, learn to play all of your hunches, and make the best of whatever comes your way.*

**Where the heck is Margaritaville?:** *Anywhere you want it to be!*

There's More Trouble on the Horizon!!

## Upcoming Events!



**Jimmy Buffett Night at the Reading Phillies**

**June 26th**

**Happy Hour at the Crowne Plaza**

**July 19th**

**Parrot Daze Party at Reading Liederkrantz**

**July 21st**

**Buffett Concerts:**

**Mansfield Mass.**

**June 23rd**

**Atlantic City**

**Aug. 4th**

**Camden**

**Aug. 28th**

## Committee Updates

### In 25 words (more) or less

**Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman** A big "Thank You" to all of the club's volunteers. Volunteers are a huge part of the success at each event we hold. Sure, we need the people to attend our events, but without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to accomplish anything. Thanks again.

**We Need More Junior Mints (Sponsorship Committee) - Sam Beam** The committee is looking for additional members. Contact Sam if you are interested!

**Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Rich Leiby** We welcome ideas for new columns and invite everyone to volunteer to write for us!!! Contact any of the team if you are interested!

**Pfeeding Pfrenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk** Our committee is getting the Merchandise ready for Parrot Daze. Please, dance over to the merchandise tables and check out the awesome auction items. Place your Bids and help the needy Kids!

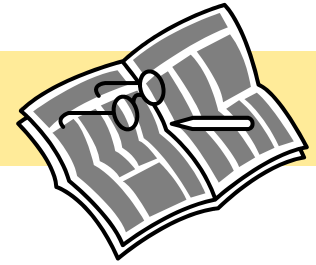
**Party With a Purpose (Events Committee) - Jodi Blatt** We will again be partying with a purpose at the Liederkrantz for Summer Parrot Daze! This year doors open at 2 with Jimmy and the Parrots playing all night. Anyone who can sell ten non-member tickets will get one free! Let's get all our friends and make this the best event ever!

**Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft** Charity nominations for 2013 are due by mid-June. Provide contact information to Gary Kraft [kraftengr@aol.com](mailto:kraftengr@aol.com) so they can be considered.

**If the Phone Doesn't Ring (Membership Committee) - Shawn Guevin** We are up to 223 members and counting!!!!



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



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