



# parrot poop

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## HELLO from Madame Veep's Seat



**H**ello Phlock! I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! Although it was a hot one for the record books, I am sure that there were many happy memories made. I am giving our dear Prez a break from his newsletter duties this time around, as he has been a very busy guy these last few months! One of the highlights of Denny's summer was celebrating a milestone birthday with a surprise gathering at the Crowne Plaza. How lucky is he, to be able to enjoy his special day with so many good friends?

As always, my thanks go to EVERYONE who volunteered, donated, attended, or helped in any way to make all of our past BCPHC events successful and memorable. Whether it was the golf outing, our happy hours, Parrot Daze, or Reading Phillies night, you all are amazing with the work you do!

We have an exciting fall ahead of us as we celebrate the Club's tenth birthday with a trip to Las Vegas and Meeting of the Minds (MOTM). Also, don't forget about our fifth annual Christmas Show, to benefit Crime Alert, scheduled for December 15th at the Miller Center. Additional information and reminders are available at our club website, [www.berkscountyPHC.org](http://www.berkscountyPHC.org). A lot of the details about these events will be announced at the September 4th general meeting, so please make a point of attending. It is also an election year...so come prepared with any nominations you may have (see page 11 of this Newsletter).

I am certain that we will all have fun, unforgettable, and perhaps even unbelievable stories to swap about vacations, concerts, "fish-tales", and much, much more! I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon as we move forward as a BCPHC family. PHINS UP!

*Madame V.P. ~ Eileen*

# 2012 Parrot Daze

Lou Mancano

The wee hours of Saturday July 21, 2012 brought relief from a week of oppressive heat that drifted out of Pennsylvania just in time to welcome Parrot Heads and patrons from near and far. Months of planning were followed by a morning of setting up merchandise, hanging banners, and decorating the pavilion as caravans throughout the county headed toward the Reading Liederkrantz. The smell of Cheeseburgers in Paradise filled the air, the sound of Jimmy and the Parrots and Crowdaddy emanated throughout the hillside, and festively-clad patrons with tropical leis flocked to the grounds to kick off yet another fun-filled Berks County Parrot Head Club event.



At 2:00 sharp, in true "5:00 somewhere" spirit, the senses were satisfied as taps began to empty golden foamed nectar into pitchers and glasses, lines formed around food and merchandise, and trop rock music pleased the soul. Hours later at the intermission, both silent and live auctions were held that included many interesting and valuable items, including autographed Coral Reefer photos, a week's vacation in Canada, and countless cool and fascinating tropical treasures. Following the auctions, the band filled the pavilion with melodic energy while the crowd kicked back, let down their hair, danced, relaxed, and partied with a purpose under the stars and moonlight.

Proceeds from this year's Parrot Daze benefited the Children's Home of Reading (CHOR), an outstanding organization dedicated to meeting the needs of children and families in crisis for over 125 years. Our Club would like to recognize and thank the Parrot Daze sponsors, as well as the many volunteers from both the BCPHC and CHOR, for their efforts and generosity that made for another successful event for a great cause. Fins up!



*"Well, my friends, the time has come, (To) raise the roof and have some fun, Throw away the work to be done, Let the music play on...."*

*—Lyrics from "All Night Long" (Lionel Richie)*



# Images from Parrot Daze 2012



Photography courtesy of Emil Schanzenbach



# Club Business

The club's executive board has brought forward several items for the

membership to consider and approve. Please read over these policy proposals and business announcements and be prepared to come to the September general meeting to discuss and vote.

## **Issue 1: The Berks County Parrot Head Club Angel Fund: Grant Procedures**

The Berks County Parrot Head Club Angel Fund was established to “provide financial support directly to or on behalf of individuals in an extraordinary situation where a nominal amount of intervention is likely to yield life-changing outcomes.”

For the initial years of the fund the following additional limitations will be in place:

- Grants should be limited to individuals who reside in Berks County.
- Preference should be given to Berks County children age 18 or younger who have a physical or medical need that their families are unable to afford.
- When a grant is approved, the Berks County Parrot Head Club will be copied on the grant letters that are issued to the recipient.

## **Issue 2: Proposed by-laws changes—Dues**

Article II, Section C will now read as follows:

Dues: Annual memberships will renew December 31st, payable to the Berks County Parrot Head Club. Dues amounts are as follows:

- § 1. Single: \$30
- § 2. Couple (includes any immediate family members under 21 years of age): \$40
- § 3. **(delete)** Additional Family Members: \$5

## **Issue 3: Proposed by-laws changes—Use of photographs**

Article II, Section E to be retitled “Conditions of Membership”

Add: “Your participation as a member at club events implies the granting of permission to use your likeness in photographs that may be published in the club newsletter and/or the club website.”

Add: “It shall be the policy of this organization that photographs of members will be published ONLY if there is no potential for harm or embarrassment to the subjects of the photos. To that end, the newsletter editor and web manager will exercise the utmost discretion in choosing photographs for publication.”



## Classic Album Rewind:

# Remembering “White Sport Coat”

Duane Cahill

***Author’s Note:** Jimmy Buffett’s career experienced a resurgence in 2004 when he teamed with Alan Jackson on “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere.” Prior to that, Jimmy had been releasing a new album every year or two, and touring to a small, but loyal group of Parrot Heads. Several newer fans have discovered Jimmy’s music since, and most are indoctrinated by the iconic “Songs You Know By Heart” album, 13 of Jimmy’s greatest hits prior to 1985. On that CD, you’ll find the “Big Eight” songs that Jimmy performs in every concert set list, and while those songs are the foundation of Buffett’s success, it’s always been my personal crusade to get people to take a deeper dive into the Buffett catalog.*

*Hence, we present this new feature. Each quarter, we’ll review an album from the archives. Hopefully, you’ll find it interesting enough that you’ll take a listen. If you haven’t had the opportunity to go beyond what we refer to as the “Yellow Album”, please consider some of the recommendations in the coming issues of Parrot Poop.*



One of my three favorite Buffett albums, his 1973 release, “A

White Sport Coat and a Pink Crustacean”, is a good place to start. It’s Jimmy’s first major-label album, and it is where he started to break away from the straight-on country sound of his first two releases, beginning to develop his laid-back lifestyle persona. The album contains a few of the more common tracks like “He Went to Paris”, “Grapefruit – Juicy Fruit”, and “Why Don’t We Get Drunk”, but a closer listen reveals a couple of good story-telling songs.

In “Great Filling Station Holdup”, Buffett writes of robbing a gas station and getting drunk (and caught) afterwards. It’s an upbeat and fun trek through a small town that ends badly for our hero and his buddy. An interesting side note is that “Why Don’t We Get Drunk” was the B-Side of the vinyl single and was one of the more popular jukebox tunes throughout the

country, despite having no radio play.

“They Don’t Dance Like Carmen No More” is a tribute to Carmen Miranda, as told from the point of view from an elderly fan reminiscing about the 1940’s, when Carmen and Xavier Cugat (“ole Cogie”) teamed up to do “the rhumba as no one else dared”.

“I Have Found Me A Home” is classic Jimmy singing about his affinity for Key West, willing to give up everything just to be able to stay on his island.

“Cuban Crime of Passion” tells of a lover’s triangle gone awry, while my personal favorite from this collection, “Death of an Unpopular Poet” is about a struggling artist whose fame is realized only after he is gone.

The wistful “Railroad Lady” and the upbeat “My Lovely Lady” and “Peanut Butter Conspiracy” round out the collection from this album.

If you want to get a great musical feel for the beginning of Buffett’s transformation from a struggling (and even failing) country musician to the creator of a new genre called trop rock, go out and get this CD, which highlights Jimmy’s early days as a true singer-songwriter. You can pick it up for around five bucks (shipping included) on eBay. Well worth the coin!

## Quick Licks w/Hal B. Selzer (Part 2)

Tracey Lutz

Ed. Note: This issue of Parrot Poop features the continuation of our interview with Hal B. Selzer, bassist for the band "Jimmy and the Parrots," from Issue #28 (Spring).

*I*t's been a busy summer; between performing with Rock of Ages on Broadway and with the Touring Company, Hal was with Jimmy and the Parrots performing at Summer Parrot Daze at the Liederkrantz. If you missed seeing them there, they will be performing at our "Christmas in the Caribbean" show in December. Here is what Hal had to say about trop rock.

**PP: You have an infectious energy when you come out on stage. Do you have fun doing what you do?**

HBS: Oh, I love what I do. And I appreciate the fact that I'm really lucky. How many people can say that they love what they do? And I love the Parrot Heads! I've played with other tribute bands and rock bands; musically it's great, but they just stand there and play. I believe that if we are having fun then the people will have fun too.

**PP: How did you get started?**

HBS: Any musician that tells you anything other than what I'm about to say is lying. When you're in high school it's a way to get girls! So I started playing and taking guitar lessons and after a couple of months, when I was playing football, I broke two fingers on my left hand. So I couldn't play guitar. Two guys that I had been jamming with had an old bass with one string on it. I picked it up and I could use one finger and go up and down the string. I guess it came naturally.

**PP: What grade were you in?**

HBS: Tenth grade I guess. I was playing with some of the top bands in the area. But I figured that when I went to college, there would be a hundred guys like me. But when I got there, all those bands still wanted me. That's when I thought, "maybe I am good at this," (and that's when Hal's degree in Accounting from the University of Delaware went out the window).

**PP: How did you get to play with Bon Jovi?**

HBS: I got into the Jersey Shore music scene years ago. Bobby Bandiera, who played with Southside Johnny, asked me to play with him. So I was at all the shore events and whenever Bon Jovi or Bruce or Southside Johnny were playing a charity event they would call Bobby and ask if he could put a band together. So I got to be part of the backing band, and I still do it.



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## 2012 Concert Season Review

Mike Kerper

*J*t's called the "Lounging at the Lagoon Tour."

The name of the tour alone will take you to that one particular harbor in your mind. That little crescent shaped cove that tourists have yet to find. Half looped on the local rum, lying in a hammock. Just you and the breeze! Jimmy and the Coral Reefers once again wowed the audience with a wonderful set list of our favorite beach mood music.



I was blessed to see Jimmy in three different cities this year! My wife and I started our journey by making a long weekend trip to New England to see Jimmy at Great Woods in Mansfield MA. The two shows in Jersey, Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City and the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, were slightly closer to home but just as fun!



Jimmy always seems to find himself teaming up with some of the industry's best performers. Jimmy tells a story of having come full circle, once competing for gigs with the Commodores, and now doing a duet of All Night Long on Lionel Richie's next album. The Reefers put a tropical open-air-bar twist to the tune. Lionel Richie even joined Jimmy on stage in Detroit, much to the Motor City crowd's delight.

My favorite part of the entire evening was the New Orleans style acoustic jam session. The band lined up chairs in a row on the stage, citing that they were paying homage to the recently deceased Andy Griffith. Acoustic sets always impress me the most. No electronics. Just pure talent and that is exactly what the crowd witnessed. While I enjoyed Pencil Thin Moustache and Southern Cross, I will always remember their version of Piece of Work. Not only was the stings perfectly in sync, but this song gave Jimmy, Mac, Nadirah and Tina all an opportunity to shuffle up to the mic.

Unfortunately, last night in Camden was the last time I will see Jimmy this year. Several club members will be making the trek west to see him in Sin City. You have an amazing time ahead of you!



Safe travels!



# Phledgling Phlockers: Welcome to the Club!!!



Linda and Joe Keller

Sally Smith



Debbie and Dave Hartranft



Shelley Hamsher



## Trivia

### Trop Rock Time!

Lou Mancano

*Radio Margaritaville features music of many mainstream artists - Kenny Chesney, Jimmy Buffett, Mac MacAnally, and Alan Jackson to name a few. The station also broadcasts songs of lesser known national and regional trop rock musicians who have performed at Parrot Heads in Paradise's Meeting of the Minds and at other major events. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to match the song with the artist. If you get at least three correct answers you probably attended more than one MOTM and had enough moments of sobriety to remember the performers. As always, there is one red herring in the artists list for which there is no song.*

**Boat Drunks**

**Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef**

**John Frinzi**

**Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**

**Key Lime Pie Band**

**Scott Kirby**

**Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24**

**Jim Morris**

**Homemade Wine**

**Subdudes**

**"Sunny" Jim White**

**Blame it on the Margaritas**

**Cabana Boy**

**Conch Republic**

**Hollow Man**

**Miranda**

**Stuck in Key West Again**

**Tropical Girl**

**Lucky Enough**

**Somewhere over the Rainbow**

**Southward**



#### Scoring:

8-10 Satellite radio aficionado!    5-7 Island music master    2-4 Not on island time    0-1 There are other trop rockers besides Jimmy?



## More photos from Parrot Daze



Photos courtesy Rich Leiby

### Committee Updates:

#### In 25 words (more) or less

**Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman** *Once again, everyone that volunteered for Summer Parrot Daze; you made the Volunteer Committee look great! "Thank You" to all that gave their time to help make this event such a success. We raised a lot of money for the Children's Home and without your help we could not have done so.*

**We Need More Junior Mints (Sponsorship Committee) - Sam Beam** *The September committee meeting will be at the CP on the third Monday at 6:30 PM.*

**Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Rich Leiby** *We hope you like the new features! Please make sure you read the club business column! If you want to contribute to the newsletter, just email the editor!!! New writers always welcome!!!*

**Pfeeding Pfenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk** *Thank you to all our parrot head friends who supported "Parrot Daze." We sold lots of merchandise and the auction items did great! If you want to get involved and support all the good things we do, join the merchandise committee. We meet on the second Monday of every month.*

**Party With a Purpose (Events Committee) - Jodi Blatt** *Our 10th birthday party will be held at the Spruce. More details to follow...*

**Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft** *The Charity Committee is reviewing seven charity nominations for 2013 events. Selections will be announced this fall.*



# Strange Birds

featuring Mitch and Tracy Davidheiser



Our strange birds for this issue hail from Exeter Township. Tracy works as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Reading Hospital Medical Center. Mitch is an MRI technologist working for Keystone Orthopaedic Specialists in Wyomissing. They got engaged at Mallory Square at sunset (talk about romantic!) and will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary this October. When they are not being kept busy by work, they enjoy raising their two boys, Mason Troy and Eric James (the latter named after Clapton and Buffett), and vacationing in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

## Some phun phacts about Mitch and Tracy:

**Favorite places to be while listening to troprock music:** Tracy: *The beach with a drink in hand.* Mitch: *Anywhere the sun is shining and our friends are at.*

**Favorite Coral Reefer:** Tracy: *Michael Utley* Mitch: *Mac McAnally*

**Favorite JB Song:** Tracy: *All The Ways I Want You* Mitch: *Tin Cup Chalice*

**Favorite JB Line:** Tracy: *"Sure could use a Bloody Mary, So I stumbled over to Louie's Backyard"* Mitch: *"Well, I ain't always right, but I've never been wrong" (I know it's a Dead song, but I was a dead head before a Parrot Head)*

**How many shows:** Tracy: 13 Mitch: 7

**Most memorable JB show:** *We were supposed to remember the show?*

**JB Books:** Tracy: *A Pirate Looks at Fifty* – Mitch: *haven't read any of them, I'm waiting until I have time*

**What would you listen to other than JB:** Tracy: *ZBB, Kenny Chesney, Kid Rock & Sirius Satellite Radio*

Mitch: *Clapton, ZBB, Kid Rock, Kenny Chesney*

**Favorite food:** Tracy: *Seafood, Mitch: Steak*

**Favorite Movie:** Tracy: *Godfather* Mitch: *the list is long and distinguished*

**Favorite Restaurant:** Tracy: *Half Shell Raw Bar in Key West, Mitch: Latitudes on Sunset Key*

**How do you like your cheeseburger?:** Tracy: *Swiss & 'shrooms* Mitch: *with cheese*

**Favorite frozen/non frozen concoction:** Tracy: *Nutty Hawaiian (her own creation)* Mitch: *orange vodka & tonic*

**How did we end up at BCPHC?:** *Got drunk at Parrot Daze and signed up*

**What's on your bucket list?:** *To watch our boys grow and travel more*

**Where the heck is Margaritaville anyway?:** Tracy: *Wherever you're relaxing with good friends and good drinks*  
Mitch: *see answer #1 above*



## Quick Licks (cont. from p. 6)

### PP: What an experience!

HBS: One time, I was playing at a small party that Jon (Bon Jovi) was having. We pulled up and started unloading. I looked over and saw Jon carrying my amp in for me. He yelled over and said “Quick, someone take a picture. I haven’t carried a guitar amp in over 25 years!”

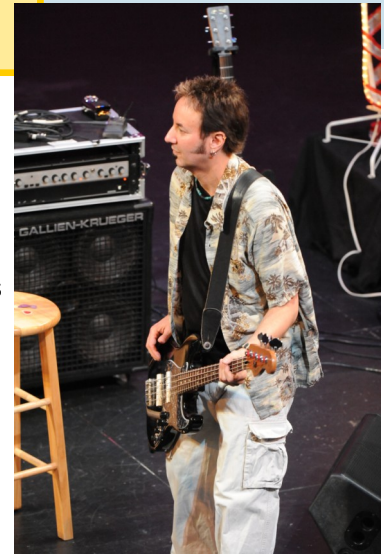
I have been so fortunate to play with some truly classic musicians. One of my highlights was when I got to play “Stand by Me” with Ben E. King. And I thought “It doesn’t get better than this.” Probably about eight times I’ve backed up Mitch Ryder (“Devil with the Blue Dress On”) which was cool because growing up I was playing these songs with cover bands, and here I am playing with THE Musicians themselves! It’s also really fun playing with Michael Utley and the Coral Reefers – that’s always a great time.

### PP: Do you ever have any down time?

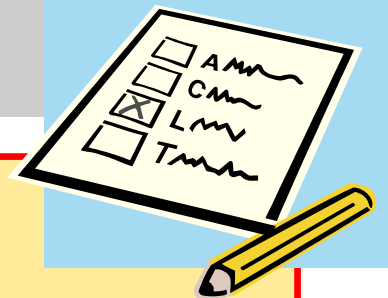
HBS: Surprisingly little. I played a week in Moscow (with Bobby Bandiera) and I got to see the Kremlin and Red Square. We went to Madrid for two weeks and we really got to see that city. I’ve also played in Paris, Korea, Japan, and all over Europe.

The funny thing about Jimmy (Maraventano) is that when he called me up in 2003 I think, I was in a heavy rock band. I think I only knew two Jimmy Buffett songs. It sounded like fun, so Lance (Hyland Stark) and I did the gig. We had an immediate chemistry and it just felt right playing with Jimmy. I love Jimmy and Jimmy, just like brothers! Even if I win the lottery, I would probably still do Broadway. The one thing that I know I’d keep doing is Jimmy and the Parrots! I’m so lucky because it all came from music.

**Update on Rock Star Kitchen** – Full episodes can be seen on Hulu.com and some Comcast Networks. Like Rock Star Kitchen on Facebook and see everything that’s going on. HAL – HAL – HAL – HAL...



## Notice of Upcoming Elections



Dear Phlock:

Our bylaws state that: *“Elections will be held during the November business meeting. An election notice will be sent to all members in good standing with the newsletter prior to the November election. This notice will include the offices to be elected; the date, location and time of the election; a statement that the election will be on a secret ballot by simple majority of those present at the meeting; and an invitation to attend. Nominations will be from the floor during the September business meeting or in writing and sent to the Club address of record postmarked no later than October 1st.”*

**Please note:** Our November meeting will be Nov 6 at the 3rd and Spruce restaurant, and we'll start with speeches and elections at 7PM. The offices to be elected are Club President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. You are hereby invited to attend this meeting and have your voice heard.

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



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The BCPHC was chartered in 2002 and is affiliated with Parrot Heads in Paradise, the national organization governing all Parrot Head clubs across the United States.

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Anyone who wishes to help further the mission of the organization is invited to join and participate. More information can be found on the club website, located at

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