



# parrot poop

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## From the President's Perch



*H*ello to all! I hope your summer was fabulous wherever life

may have taken you. Many of our members enjoyed a day at Chapel Hill Golf Course playing in the BCPHC annual Golf outing. It was a perfect day for a round of golf and fun with fellow members and friends. The food was again awesome and Jimmy and the Parrots provided us with great music. Many Parrot Heads were dancing or singing along with their favorite songs. A big "thanks" goes to April and Jimmy G's Railroad House for their sponsorship and the \$8,000.00 check to the Angel Fund.

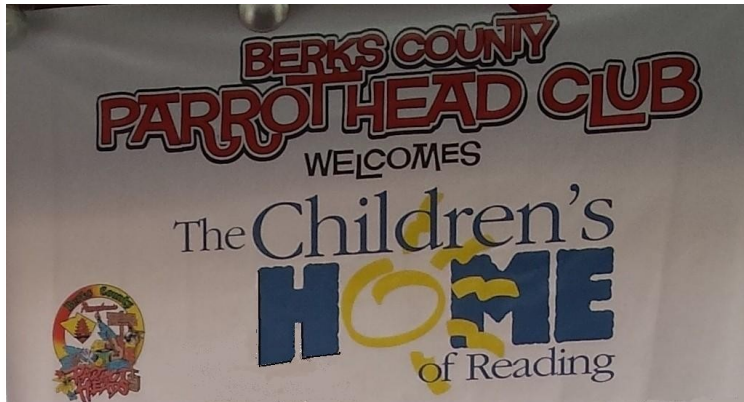
The Summer Parrot Daze Party at the Liederkrantz was our biggest event ever. The day brought beautiful weather and plentiful sunshine. The Children's Home of Reading (CHOR) brought several young volunteers to help transport auction items and assist with setting up the party. Thanks to the staff of CHOR and congratulations to all who helped make this event a huge success. A special thanks goes to all of our volunteers who work so hard at previous events and are a big part of the total contributions to date. You are very special people.

Please attend the September general meeting at Beverly Hills Tavern to be a part of the milestones we reached in 2014. That meeting will kick off the election process for 2015 officers. We will take nominations from the floor for President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please see the notice on page 5 of this issue for complete details. This is your club and all members in good standing are eligible for nomination. I am looking forward to what will be a special meeting and our first at the Jimmy G's Beverly Hills Tavern. I hope to see many members there.

I am truly blessed to be the President and lead such an awesome group of people committed to helping our community. Thanks!

*The Prez, Denny*

*(growing older but not up)*



## Parrot Daze 2014

Lou Mancano

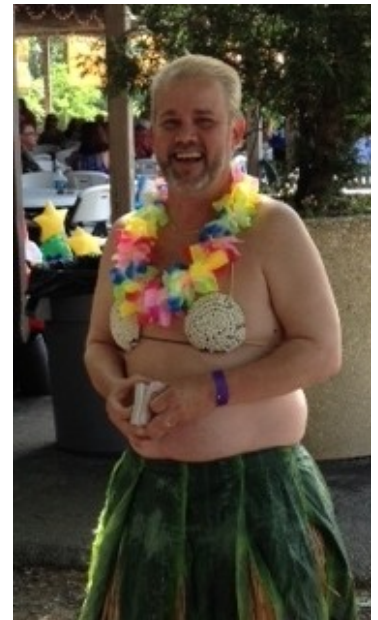
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he weather was beautiful, the beer was

cold, the boat drinks fruitful, and everyone at the Reading Liederkrantz on Saturday July 19, 2014 came together to support a top notch event to benefit the Children's Home of Reading (CHOR). The day began with BCPHC and CHOR volunteers, along with several helpful young residents of CHOR, working together to set up tables, arrange merchandise, hang banners, and decorate the pavilion. In a mere two and a half hours, the Reading Liederkrantz was transformed into a tropical paradise that would have made Jimmy Buffett proud.

The air began to fill with the smell of German cuisine and Cheeseburgers in Paradise as cars streamed into the parking lot. Directly inside the entrance was a CHOR tent filled with plants grown by the children and a carnival wheel that epitomized the festive atmosphere awaited under the pavilion. Following a game of B-I-N-G-O led by a good-natured and well-dressed Parrot Head, Jimmy and the Parrots and Crowdaddy entertained with party songs and Buffett classics. Things were only getting started.

Next was the live auction with many interesting and valuable items, including treasures signed by "Joe Willie" Namath, Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, and the man himself, Jimmy Buffett. Among the many items donated by many altruistic Berks Countians was a beautiful and unique hand-made guitar with a body made from a decorated cigar box and a neck topped with a carved parrot. Jimmy and the Parrots even joined in, auctioning themselves off for a party, with their fee going to CHOR. Lots of good and generous people opened their hearts and purses to help this well-deserving beneficiary, an outstanding organization doing great work to meet the needs of children and families in crisis for the past 130 years.



Following successful silent and Chinese auctions of cool merchandise, the band resumed, entertaining a crowded dance floor and pavilion with music and energy. The crowd even played a fun game of musical chairs to a variety of familiar polkas and hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Everyone had a great time.

Special thanks goes out to the generous event sponsors, the many volunteers who donated their time, the children who helped make the day a great success, and the many supporters who attended a heck of a good party with a purpose.

Photos courtesy of Lou Mancano and John Martucci

# Pictures from Parrot Daze 2014



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## Quick Licks with Mike Nash of the Southern Drawl Band

(Part 2)

Tracey Lutz

This article is a continuation from issue #35. The editors and staff of the Parrot Poop are grateful to Mike and his band mates for granting us these interviews.

### PP: How did you land at Margaritaville in Key West?

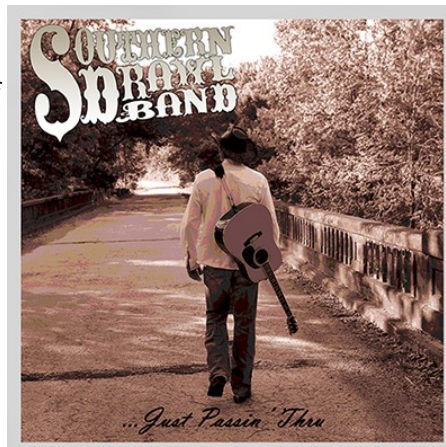
*MN: The first year we played in Key West was 2012. It actually was our very first tour. Beach Front Radio was instrumental in helping to get our name out and Cheryl Gates got us in with Schooner Wharf. We played a few other places that year as unknowns and by the middle of the week people were talking about us. It was blowing my mind. I couldn't believe it. That's when I knew we had stumbled onto something good. I never knew the Trop Rock scene existed, at least to this depth. It was all new to me to realize that there are all these clubs all over the place and that they have events and hire bands. Well, after that first tour during MOTM, it was "Wow, there is something here we can build on."*

### PP: After you were "discovered" in Key West in 2012, did you get a call?

*MN: We did. Margaritaville called us. We booked a show in January and it went really well. So well that we got asked to come back and play during MOTM. We said "Hell yea we'll play." The whole Trop Rock family is so great. I wouldn't be where I'm at if it weren't for Jerry Diaz and so many others. They all want to help each other and that is not what Nashville is like at all. Pardi-Gras (New Orleans) is another great event. It's like a family that walks around to bars and hears everyone play. The schedules don't overlap so you can see everyone. It's a lot more intimate than MOTM. It's a big group of people following each other for three days, one big family. I was the Grand Master of the pub crawl. Great time.*

### PP : You don't play all Trop Rock, Buffett music. Have you found it hard to find the right mix?

*MN: When we first came on the scene, people said we were good but we weren't Trop Rock. I made a living on playing Buffett music for ten years but we intentionally don't play Buffett songs all night because we want to keep the music alive, bring in new generations and make it fun. We always wanted to be an original band, not just a cover band. We try and play ½ cover songs and ½ original songs.*



**PP - How do you keep from losing your voice when you're doing shows night after night?**

*MN: I don't really know. I completely lost my voice one time and I've learned that I need a solid six (hours of sleep). As time goes by you learn you can't sing all night and then go out and party after the gig. It catches up with you. I stopped smoking for two weeks one time and I lost my raspy voice. (Ed. note: He still smokes).*

**PP: Have you been approached by any big names to open?**

*MN: Oh yea we've done some openers. The most recent was the Pure Prairie League. The Romantics—that was an odd one. We've opened for Eddie Money, Uncle Cracker, Marshall Tucker and Neal McCoy.*

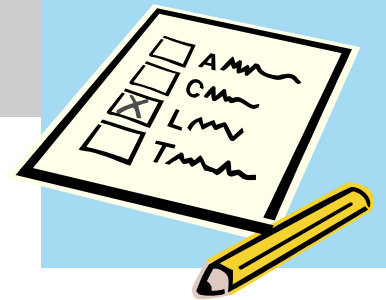
**PP: So you had to leave Nashville to be successful.**

*MN: People have asked why I didn't stay in Nashville and chase record deals. But that's not what I wanted. In today's world you really don't need record companies anymore. The perception of fame and the music industry by the public and the reality of it are two very different things. We are real people, I don't want someone telling us how to dress and what to sing. I want to establish our fan base and touring schedule so the band can have their lives and still make a living doing what we all love. If what we experienced at MOTM was anything of what's to come, it's going to be great. And with this line up of guys in the band, it feels like we can't miss. I've been waiting for this for a long time and I am so thankful. It feels great to live such a rich life without having to be rich.*



*(Mike and the guys will be performing again in this area on September 28th)*

## Notice of Upcoming Elections



**D**ear 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:* The election meeting will be take place on **November 4th** at the **Crowne Plaza**. We will start at **7 P.M.** with speeches and hold the elections immediately thereafter. The offices to be elected are Club President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. You are hereby invited to attend this meeting and cast your ballot for the candidates of your choice.



## Belly Up! My Favorite Tiki Bar Stan's on Marco Island

Lou Mancano

*Unless you REALLY like to drive long distances, you'll have to fly to find this issue's Tiki Bar adventure! Join us as Lou Mancano takes us on a much-needed trip to the Florida coast for Happy Hour at a locally famous drinking establishment.*

*N*estled between the wildlife

of the Everglades and the upscale mansions, condos, and yachts of Marco Island on Florida's southwest coast sits a small fishing village appropriately named Goodland. Any Sunday afternoon you'll find cars, pickup trucks, and motorcycles driving south down the Tamiami Trail or west across Alligator Alley to experience a tiki bar like no others. After driving a short distance through an upscale area of Marco, you drive down what appears to be a short stretch of rural Everglades and quickly arrive at vehicles parked anywhere and everywhere. All roads seem to lead to Stan's Idle Hour Restaurant, which is primarily an outdoor venue complete with picnic tables with umbrellas, a small second floor restaurant overlooking a small waterway, outdoor grills cooking cheeseburgers, a stage with a live band, a pavilion-covered dance floor, two thatch-roofed Tiki Bars stocked with all the beer and buzzard's punch you can drink, and more that I'll get to in a minute.



Stan's reminds me of a Buffett concert complete with everything but Jimmy and the Coral Reefers - friendly people, ages 40 to 80, leaving their troubles behind, chatting with perfect strangers, eating and drinking, dancing to country music and Southern Rock, and having the time of their lives.

Stan's is the brainchild of Stan Gober who unfortunately passed on to the great tiki bar in the sky last year, but Mary Ann and I were fortunate enough to experience his brand of entertainment two and a half years ago during our first trip there. Stan seemed to be irreverent, a sort of amusing

rebellious elder who did things his own way and didn't care much about being politically correct. He regularly went on stage during band breaks and told jokes about race, religion, ethnicities, and every stereotype you could imagine. Most people would have attracted picketers and protests. But Stan? He just attracted more RVs, Chevy four by fours, and Harleys.

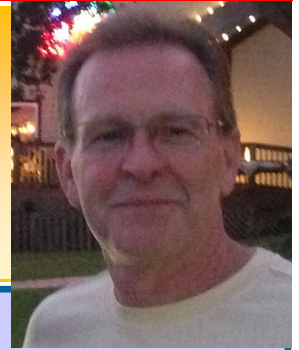
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# Strange Birds

featuring **Mark Beard**



*Our Strange Bird for this issue hails from western Pennsylvania but lived for four years as a child in Minnesota. Mark moved to Reading in 1985 with his job at AT&T, but now it is known as Avago Technologies. He and his wife of thirteen years, Kathy, have two amazing kids named Zack and Abby. They have been living in Wyomissing since downsizing from their original home in Leesport.*

## Some phun phacts about Mark:

**Favorite Jimmy Buffett song:** *Currently "Boats to Build" & "Take the weather with you" – no Buffet fan can have only one !!*

**Favorite Jimmy Buffett song line:** *"Wrinkles only go where the smiles have been" (Barefoot Children)*

**Favorite place to be while listening to troprock music:** *Commuting home from work in Allentown – or any cabana / Tiki/ beach / bar.*

**How many concerts have you been to and was one more memorable than the others?:** *3. Detroit – must have been good since I can't remember when it was.*

**If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, what would you listen to?:** *Kenny Chesney / Zac Brown Band*

**Favorite coral reefer, other than Jimmy:** *Mac McAnally*

**Favorite food:** *BBQ ribs and a cold beer !*

**Favorite movie:** *"Bullet" – Steve McQueen – best chase scene in movie history !*

**Favorite restaurant:** *Too many to pick just one – really enjoy being in walking distance to downtown West Reading with the new craft beer / food haunts.*

**Drink of choice:** *Cold beer on a hot day and red wine on all other days*

**How did you get involved in the BCPHC?:** *Susie Standefer charmed us into joining ! – told us the BCPHC parties with a purpose and raises money for charities – that was all we needed to know.*

**Any insights or inspirations to pass on?:** *I've become very passionate about the BCPHC Angel fund and the opportunity for the club to make a real difference in the lives of those who need a helping hand. I am hopeful that the club members will embrace the fund and work together to broaden the exposure and awareness of the fund.*

**Where the heck is Margaritaville?:** *Any place there's a smile, a cold drink, and Buffet music.*



## Trivia : DO YOU KNOW DUETS?

Lou Mancano

*J*immy Buffett has recorded many songs as a duet with other

artists. Let's see if you can name the other artist singing on these ten songs.

1. **Trip Around the Sun**      A. Sara Evans    B. Emmylou Harris    C. Faith Hill      D. Martina McBride
2. **All Night Long**            A. Al Jarreau      B. James Ingram    C. Lionel Richie    D. Peabo Bryson
3. **Boats to Build**            A. Guy Clark      B. Alan Jackson    C. Rodney Crowell    D. None of them
4. **Too Drunk to Karaoke**      A. Alan Jackson    B. Toby Keith    C. Trace Adkins    D. Kenny Chesney
5. **Hey Good Lookin'**        A. George Strait    B. Kenny Chesney    C. Toby Keith      D. All of them
6. **Someone I Used to Love**    A. Nanci Griffith      B. Allison Moorer    C. Emmylou Harris    D. Kelly Willis
7. **Gulf Coast Highway**      A. Martina McBride    B. Evangeline      C. Faith Hill      D. None of them
8. **Caribbean Amphibeans**    A. Kermit the Frog      B. Miss Piggy      C. Rizzo the Rat      D. Gonzo
9. **Mack the Knife**            A. Dean Martin    B. Frank Sinatra    C. Sammy Davis, Jr.    D. Tony Bennett
10. **Playing the Loser Again**    A. Toby Keith      B. Curtis Mayfield    C. Bill Withers      D. All of them

### Scoring :

9-10 Perfect harmony    7-8 You could go solo!    5-6 Let the other guy take lead    ≤5 Stick to the chorus

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## Committee Updates:      In 25 words (more) or less

**Parrot Poop (Newsletter Committee) - Rich Leiby**    My sincere thanks go to all those who helped to produce the newsletter over the past three years. We are still looking for someone to chair the committee. If interested, please inform the Board.

**Stars on the Water (Volunteers Committee) - Scott Kauffman**    Thanks to everyone that volunteered for Summer Parrot Daze. Also, a big "Thank You" to the Children's Home of Reading for their Volunteers.

**"Pfeeding Pfenzy (Merchandise Committee) - Tina Shenk**

**Changes in Attitude (Charity Committee) - Gary Kraft**    The Charity Committee is excited to have The Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern PA as our 2015 Cabin Fever charity and will be soliciting nominees for future events beginning this fall.

**If the Phone Doesn't Ring (Membership Committee) - Susan Standefer**    Parrot Daze brought us twelve new members. We now have 212 total. Our next committee meeting is September 10th at 6:30 at the Standefer house.

**We aren't famous—yet (Marketing Committee) Debbie Hartranft**    We thank all who helped make Parrot Daze such a huge success. We are always open for feedback and we hope to continue to see you at upcoming Tiki Times.



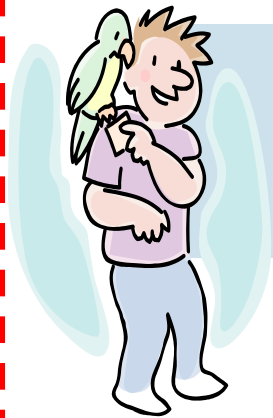
Favorite Tiki Bar (continued from page 6)

When Mary Ann and I returned this past March, yes, Stan was gone, but Queen Mary and Fia the Island Woman were still going strong. Queen Mary is a woman who, shall I dare say, appears to be past her prime and patrols the dance floor dressed in red and black. She has dollar bills



stuffed in her bra and garter. Many men pay her a dollar to have their picture taken with her. Rumor has it that if the ladies don't pay close attention to her, she'll steal a few boyfriends. Fia parades around the grounds with a big smile, hugging men and trying to cajole them into parting with a few greenbacks in her Island Woman Boutique. It's all quite amusing.

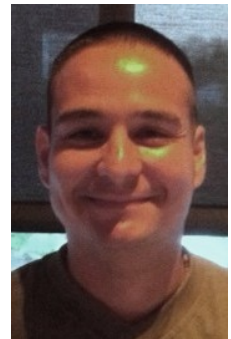
This year I learned that a ferry runs daily from Key West to Marco Island, which helped me to imagine the perfect day. I wake up in Key West. The sun is shining as we have breakfast at Blue Heaven. We then take a ferry to Marco Island where we hop onto a small fishing boat that drops us off at Stan's for a burger and our first buzzard's punch. While sipping on a second, we catch the sounds of the Hot Damn Duo or Rasta Roni, have our photo taken with one of the latest Buzzard Lope Queens (perhaps Jingles Gronotte of Kentucky), and then board the ferry back to Key West for dinner at Schooner Wharf and a night on Duval Street. One can only dream. Maybe next winter!



Phledgling Phlockers:  
Welcome to the Club!!!



Kim Greth



Charlie Bross

**GOODBYE TO THE LEAKY TIKI:** A recent club decision has sent the *Leaky Tiki*, our venerable



Halloween float, into mothballs. Over the years, the float earned many awards and brought a great deal of publicity to the club. And that is not to mention all the fun that those who piloted the craft had in taking it to the streets of our community. So here we take one last look at the ship and salute its accomplishments as it is decommissioned and assigned to permanent dry dock.

As this newsletter is published, the dismantling may have already begun; therefore it is with a heavy heart that we must say that the *Leaky Tiki* is no longer afloat (get it?) Sail on, sailors!

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



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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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