



parrot poop

HELLO from the President's Perch

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Hello to all members and welcome to new members. It seems like I haven't written an article for awhile and lots of changes in the world are happening at a very fast pace. The Berks County Parrot Head Club has been no exception in 2009 and I have seen some changes. We had a few resignations, along with some individual hardships and disappointments in members personal lives. I wish all members smooth sailing the rest of the year. I have learned through years of tears and miles of smiles that the sun comes up and the sun goes down. Things get better or worse depending on your perspective. These are times when all of us Parrots must be flying at the same altitude and in the same direction and we will arrive at our destination successfully. The destination remains the same, which is to give back to the community through our support of local charities and to make Berks County a better place because of

our efforts. This nest we all decided to roost in was built to be a fun place for some rather neat birds to hang out and escape from whatever Parrot Poop you may have in your life. Jimmy gave us the opportunity to become a Parrot Head but we raised over 200 thousand dollars on our own. I hope all of you share the same wonderful thoughts I have when I think about the charities we supported and all the friendships we created. Take a drink and salute yourself. Yes, you deserve it.

Remember your club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Spruce and food is served at 6 pm. The Prez would enjoy seeing you and we have several Committees to join if you are interested in helping our community.

As your Prez I will not loose site of our ultimate goal which is to "PARTY WITH A PURPOSE."

Still having fun,
The Prez,
Denny
Growing Older But Not Up

"He began in a tone of great taste and feeling, to talk of the sea and the sea shore." – Jane Austen

Summer Parrot Daze 2009

Once again, the Berks County Parrothead Club threw the County's best bash with the 2009 edition of Summer Parrot Daze.

From the set-up on Friday evening to the tear-down on Sunday morning, everyone involved worked incredibly hard to make sure that the attendees enjoyed their party with a purpose.

And this year's purpose was the Eastern PA chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The foundation's mission is twofold: to find a cure for juvenile diabetes, and to improve the lives of those who currently have it.

A challenge? Absolutely, but Parrotheads always rise to a challenge, and over 300 of them gathered their crews, raised the mainsails, and set their courses for that one particular harbour at Fish Pond West on July 11.

Although the event started at 1PM, cars started streaming in at about noon, and by 1PM, the line of waiting cars extended halfway down Swiftwater Lane, resembling the requisite traffic jam at a Buffett concert.

By 2PM, the Jimmy Maraventanos (Sr. and Jr.) had started the musical festivities with a two-man show featuring acoustics, requests, and a few half-songs before someone (usually Sr.) realized that they really didn't know that song after all.

The food tent featured burgers, dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and the ever-popular jambalaya. And of course, a Parrothead event would be incomplete without a full array of beverages, both soft drinks and those of the adult variety.

Once again the membership and sponsors came through with some outstanding donations for auctions and raffle, including a week's use of a Florida house near Disney, a 42" plasma TV, a tandem bicycle, and a shadow box featuring the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies, complete with tickets and a game ball.



That evening, Jimmy and the Parrots played all of the standard Buffett favorites to entertain the crowd, and even a late rainstorm couldn't dampen the enthusiasm as the partiers found shelter on the covered porch or even under the pavilion with the band!

The success from any event can be told by the expressions on the faces of the attendees as they're leaving the parking lot. And judging by the tired and happy faces, it was a home run for both the club and the JDRF.

Michele Moccio, the Branch Manager for the JDRF sent an e-mail the next day saying, "Good morning. I want to thank you for a great time on Saturday. You guys really know how to throw a party! After meeting all of you and being welcomed by all of you I am planning to join the club. I don't think I have ever met a greater, nicer group of people." Now THAT is impressive. Nice job, Parrotheads!

Stay tuned as our total revenues raised for the JDRF will be announced at September's club meeting.



More Fun at Parrot Daze





New Members

Welcome to the pflock. And thanks to the Coral Referrers who will receive 10 Parrot Points!

New Member	Coral Referrer	New Member	Coral Referrer
Chad Scianna	Jodi Blatt	Ken & Gail Chiriani	Denny Lorah
Kara Leshner	Website	Jerri Muller	Saw the Float
Andy HartLove	Website	Paul & Collete Smith	
Bill & Molly Dickerson	Bryan & Leigh Gentry		

Did you move to a new cage? If you need to make changes to your mailing or email information, please contact the membership committee.

Our Club has several new board members.
Please reach out to them when you need information or have ideas.

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In Memoriam Tom Boyer

The Berks County Parrothead Club sadly bid farewell for the first time to a member of our Pflock with the passing of Tom Boyer. Many of you remember Tom with his Yorkies at Parrot Daze, and others from his regular perch at the bar during our monthly club meetings. Tom had requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Berks Animal Rescue League. With that in mind, the club made a \$500 donation in Tom's name to the ARL. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Doris and the rest of Tom's family. Sail on, Tom!

In 25 Words (more) or Less

Committee Updates:



Stars on the Water (volunteer committee) – chairperson Duane Cahill

What a turnout at Parrot Daze. My sincere thanks go out to all of the volunteers who made this year's event a great success. Next up for us will be the October 25 highway cleanup.

We need More Junior Mints (sponsorship committee) – chairpersons Dave & Sherrie Hallowell

The sponsorship committee is working hard with even more enthusiasm this year. Many thanks to all who have supported us and we're looking forward to big things in the future.

Parrot Poop (newsletter committee) – chairperson Duane Cahill

We're excited about our regular publication schedule also about the addition of the website administration to the committee's responsibilities. We will hold our next meeting in September, so if you're interested in newsletter OR website, drop me a line.

Pfeeding Pfrenzy (merchandise committee) – chairperson Tina Shenk

Join our committee, we meet the 2nd Monday of every month and we are always doing something fun and great for charities. Check out the BCPHC merchandise at all the general meetings and on the exciting website.

Party with a Purpose (events committee) – chairperson Jodi Blatt

After a successful Parrot Daze, our next event to look forward to is our birthday party - A Pirate looks at Seven. Plan to attend this event where we all get to kick back and just relax and enjoy the day. It will be at 3rd & Spruce, Sunday, Oct. 4th, only \$10 for a drink and an awesome buffet. This one's for members only!

Changes in Attitude (charity committee) – chairperson Gary Kraft

The Committee is currently evaluating 10 charity nominees for 2010 event sponsorships. Thanks to all for your great nominations. Selected charities will be announced beginning in September.

If the Phone Doesn't Ring (membership committee) – chairperson Shawn Guevin

Once again, Parrot Daze was a great success in bringing new members on board. If you know anyone who wants to join, remember that you get points for referring them!



Take the Weather With You

Have you been traveling to the Far Side of the World?

Or maybe Southeast of Disorder?

No matter where you go,

Take the Weather With You AND your BCPHC wearables!

Eileen Davies

at St. Maarten Island



2009 Cabin Fever Festival

So, what does one do with the "off-Sunday" between NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl? The answer is – the Berks County Parrothead Club annual winter party, of course!

This year's event was held Sunday, January 25 at the Reading Country Club. The house was packed with our lively Pflock of parrotheads, for pfine pfood, pfellowship and pfun to benefit the Safe Haven Supervised Visitation Center in Reading. Safe Haven provides opportunities for children to have safe, conflict-free visitation and exchange programs in situations where the parents are not and cannot be together.

The day's activities included our nearly-famous Chinese auction, a silent auction, raffles, and a live auction. Entertainment was provided by our own James Walters and Havana Budda, who kept us entertained all afternoon with terrific tunes and a few surprises – including a special appearance by BCPHC's version of the "Beach Boys" (uh, girls?), who added a hysterical dimension to the band's agenda.

As usual, the event flew by much too quickly. All who attended agreed that the 2009 staging of the Cabin Fever Festival was a huge success.



Highway Cleanup

On what certainly must have been the hottest day in the history of the month of April, 20 brave Parrotheads met at Applebee's with a single mission – cleaning our own little stretch of PA-222.

Everyone involved this year said that the highway was much more trash-strewn than in years past, and judging by the bags that we finished with, it's safe to say they're correct. The collection, which has been done in an hour in years past, went well over two hours this year.

That said, the highway looked that much better when the group finished.

As always, we award a prize for the most interesting "find" during the cleanup, and this year's find was "Trash rat", a toy stuffed rat (at least we HOPE it was stuffed!) that will hereby be the mascot of future highway cleanups.

Baertschys attend LandShark Stadium Gala

On May 8, there was a rumbling resembling that of a volcano at the southern tip of Florida. But this wasn't a volcano – it was a gathering of Parrotheads from all over as Miami Dolphins owner Steve Ross announced the re-naming of Dolphins Stadium to LandShark Stadium.

Bob and Marilyn Baertschy, who were in Florida visiting their daughter, made the trek down to Miami to be a part of the festivities.

With an adoring, colorfully dressed crowd swaying to his music and the stadium now bearing the name of his beer, Jimmy Buffett took the microphone and assessed his new Miami Dolphins partnership in four words.

"This," he told a few hundred fans, "is really cool."
Bob and Marilyn couldn't agree more.

Big Turn Out for 6th Annual Golf Tournament

A record twenty-five foursomes participated in the BCPHC's annual Charity Golf Tournament held at Perry Golf Course on May 15. Thanks to the phenomenal support of golfers and sponsors, this year's charity, Family Guidance Center, received a check for over \$7,000 – another record! The winning team of Danny Wojton, Dan Lavia, Jake Shipe and Pete Steffy posted a score of 58 – 12 strokes under par in the scramble format event. A special thanks goes out to BCPHC's Golf Tournament Director, JR Koch, who did another superb job organizing the event. JR's crew of volunteers from the Parrothead Club and Family Guidance Center were a tremendous help and seemed to enjoy the fun, food and camaraderie as much as the golfers. Family Guidance Center will be recognized with a check presentation at the July Club meeting.



Club Prez, Denny Lorah, Family Guidance Center Executive Director, Kim McConnell, and Tournament Director, JR Koch, pause for a Kodak moment.



Beverage & snack specialists, Angie Fegley and Eileen Davies, prep the beverage cart for another trip around the course. (Above)

Trivia

(for answers, please see our website)

NOTHIN' BUT A BREEZE

1. Jimmy Buffett's plane is called what?
2. In 2005, Jimmy was the first artist to perform a concert at what historic baseball field?
3. What is the shortest title of all of Jimmy's albums?

MEDIUM RARE WITH MUSTARD

4. Before settling at the University of Southern Mississippi, where did Jimmy attend college in his freshman year?
5. "Autour du Rocher" was a hotel/bar owned by Jimmy on what Caribbean island?
6. Name the club that Jimmy co-founded with former Florida Governor Bob Graham.

NOTHING SOFT ABOUT HARD TIMES

7. Name Jimmy Buffett's college fraternity
8. Jimmy appeared with John Candy in 1982 on SCTV in a segment called what?
9. In the original lyrics to "Tin Cup Chalice," what kind of wine was referenced? Hint: It wasn't "good red" wine.

WHO ARE WE TRYING TO FOOL?

10. In the British release of "Come Monday," the lyrics "Hush Puppies" were changed to "hiking shoes." Why?
11. Meeting of the Minds, the annual Phlocking of Parrot Heads, is scheduled for early November.
How many of Key West's famous bars can you find in the accompanying word search puzzle?

Crossword Puzzle

S Y N O T N I A T P A C S N I X
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CHART ROOM
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LAZY GECKO
RICKS
DURTY HARRYS
FAT TUESDAY
HARD ROCK

You too can be a parrot!

You're the Son of a Son of a Sailor. You know the Fruitcakes on the bus. You've grown older but not up. You should join the Berks County Parrot Head Club. And if you've Got a Cousin in Miami, they should join too!

Current members - it's time to renew your annual membership. Please pay your dues as soon as possible as we rely on this income to pay up-front costs for events.

Berks County Parrot Head Club

Our Mission:

To promote friendship and organize social activities for people who share an affection for the tropical spirit of singer-songwriter "Jimmy Buffet" and a desire to contribute to the betterment of the community through a variety of volunteer efforts.

Membership Application

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

Member Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

Additional family member names and birthdates: _____

Would you be interested in joining a committee? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes please check the committees you are interested in.

___ Membership ___ Events ___ Sponsorship
___ Charity ___ Volunteers ___ Merchandise ___ Newsletter

How did you hear about the club? _____

How long have you been a Jimmy Buffet Fan? _____

What is your favorite Jimmy Buffet song? _____

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Strange Birds

Tim Kraft



Tim was born and raised in Berks County and currently resides in Muhlenberg with his wife Mandy.

He works at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP as a CPA in an Audit Services Group. He graduated from Governor Mifflin and Villanova before starting work at Reinsel.

Tim's hobbies consist of golfing, fishing, kayaking and watching all of the Philadelphia sports teams (even though sometimes it can be painful).

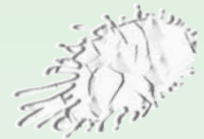
Fun facts about Tim:

Where will you go when the Volcano blows: Some place tropical, but with no volcanoes because after getting blown away once, I would probably be pretty scared of them. Aruba works for me!

Favorite JB song: Havana Daydreamin'

Favorite line from a JB song:

"I went down to Captain Tony's, To get out of the heat
Then i heard a voice call out to me, "son come have a seat"
I had to search my memory as i looked into those eyes
Our lives change like the weather, But a legend never dies"



How many JB concerts have you been to & are any more memorable than others: 4 – The Atlantic City show in 2007 was the most memorable because there were a large number of club members that went to the Trump Marina for a great party before the concert.

Have you read any of JB's books?: "A Salty Piece of Land" and "A Pirate Looks at Fifty"

If all your Buffett music was lost or stolen, who would you listen to: The Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite food: Red snapper with mango salsa

Favorite movie: "Rocky I" or "Jaws"

Favorite restaurant: Maggiano's (A family style Italian restaurant in King of Prussia)

What do you like on your cheeseburger in paradise: Lettuce, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Pickels, and Onions.

Favorite frozen (or unfrozen) concoction: Frozen: Key Lime Colada, Unfrozen: Any kind of beer

How did you get involved in the BCPHC: My parents, Gary and Jan Kraft

What one thing would you like to do in life that you haven't already done: See the Flyers win a Stanley Cup! But traveling to Europe would probably be more likely.

Where the heck is Margaritaville: Any place with sun, sand, and palm trees (and no volcanoes)

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It's Five O'Clock Somewhere

a.k.a. Upcoming Events of 2009:

"A Pirate Looks at 7" – Club Birthday Party – members only
Sunday, October 4, 2009
12 – 4:00 – 3rd & Spruce Café
Check the Web site for more information

Biannual Roadside Cleanup
Sunday, October 25, 2009
Rte 222 between Lowe's (on Rte 724) and the Penn Avenue exit in Wyomissing. 1 p.m. – Meet at Applebee's in Wyomissing

Toys for Tots Holiday Gathering
Friday, December 11, 2009
3rd and Spruce Café, West Reading
6-9:00 p.m. Admission is a toy or \$5 towards the purchase of toys.

"Caribbean Christmas Concert" starring Nadirah Shakoor
Saturday, December 5, 2009
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Cabin Fever
Sunday, January 31, 2010
Reading Country Club



For more information on these and other events scheduled after the publication of this issue of Parrot Poop, go to www.BerksCountyPHC.org.

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