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# USELESS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BERKS COUNTY PARROT HEAD CLUB

## 2017: A Year in Review

Hello to all of our BCPHC family and Happy New Year. I am writing this article with warm thoughts about our 2017 successes while the outside temperature is in single digits and the wind chill is negative something. I don't have any clothes that suites this weather. This makes me wants to take a Jamaican Vacation, or at least I need a change in Latitude.

The 2017 year started with another Cabin Fever Party to benefit Family Promise. The largest crowd ever of local Parrot Heads and some from far away gathered at the Double-Tree to support this great Charity. Jimmy and the Parrots entertained the group as people were dancing in the aisles. Together with Family Promise volunteers we raised \$16,500.

In June Jimmy G. hosted his annual Golf Outing at Chapel Hill Golf Course. The weather was beautiful and each hole was filled with fun and laughter from some local serious players and many not so serious fun participants. Jimmy provided a delicious selection of food enjoyed by everyone. Our own Dead Jimmy provided great tunes we all loved and danced too. Five thousand dollars was raised for the Berks County Parrot Head Angel Fund while having all that fun.

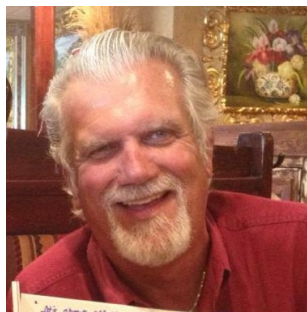
There are not enough words to describe the amazing effort of our Summer Parrot Daze charity. The DaySpring group displayed incredible energy and effort throughout the day. Weather was not on our side and delivered wicked storms with tremendous

amounts of rain. Jimmy and the Parrots played around the rain storms and our guests were not leaving the party no matter what. Dead Jimmy finished the night playing through the rain in the back-bar area. There was a special appearance by Key West's own Scott Kirby to close out the event Sunday Night.

Day Spring Homes almost broke our record for most money raised at an event with a total of Thirty-Two thousand dollars. Congratulations!

We closed out the year with Peter Mayer and the Stars and Promises Christmas show back at the DoubleTree. Crime Alert Berks was again the Charity we supported for this event. Monies raised will support the CAB Blue Ribbon Campaign. I think this was one of Peter's best performances. The event raised \$13,000 for Crime Alert Berks.

This year was one of the best for our club. Thanks to all of you for your relentless efforts and commitment to make Berks County Parrot Head Club one of the best



So happy to be your Prez,

Denny



## Stars and Promises

Peter Mayer and the Stars and Promises Christmas Show was back at the DoubleTree in Reading on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's show was "When we come Home" and was enjoyed by all who attended. There were many familiar faces in the crowd who have seen every Stars and Promises show at the DoubleTree.

The band was awesome with fan favorites Mark Holland on the Native American flutes and Chris Walters on the keyboard. New to the band this year Kristin Weber on the fiddle had the crowd cheering as she performed her solo roles in the concert. Brendan, Peters don did a song off of their new CD, *Long Story Short*, and it is amazing how he harmonizes with his dad.

As you would imagine, Peter wowed the audience with his arrangement of several classic Christmas songs we all know by heart. A new segment of this year's show was a solo performance as a radio DJ playing a Medley of Christmas Songs you will never hear in the Mayer house at Christmas.

This year's concert again benefited Crime Alert

Berks and the Blue Ribbon Campaign honoring our Local Law Enforcement Officers.

If you love Christmas and great musical talent like Parrot Heads do this is a must see show that I recommend to all. If you have not seen the show please join us next Christmas. I want to bring this wonderful night back to Reading every Year.

Thanks to the many Sponsors who support the show and our great cause.



**Parrot Daze**

**July 21 and 22**

**Beverly Hills Tavern**

**Music by Jimmy and the Parrots**

**Charity: Animal Rescue League**



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# EXPANDING THE VIEW

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## Places to Visit: Nashville!

Several of our members have talked about vacationing in Nashville. I strongly recommend this as a **must-see** city. Deb and I spent New Year's weekend in this fun city and had a great time despite the coldest weather on record. Uber became our go-to and we had quite a few interesting conversations with the many drivers we met.

There are many good places to eat southern style food including breakfast and dinner. We dined at two recommended restaurants, *Biscuit Love* and *The Southern*. The staff at Biscuit Love told us that it is not uncommon to have a 2 hour wait. We were fortunate to be shuffled quickly as a party of two to the counter, which we prefer. Yes, they all have grits, sausage gravy and hot chicken. All the locals we met were friendly and fun. If you enjoy great food this is a must visit city.

As you go down Broadway Blvd there are many places to get your favorite drink while listening to local musicians trying to make it to the big stage. Each one we listened to was better than the one before. Tons of amazing young talent. There are no cover charges, they all play for tips only. And of course, there is a Margaritaville which we

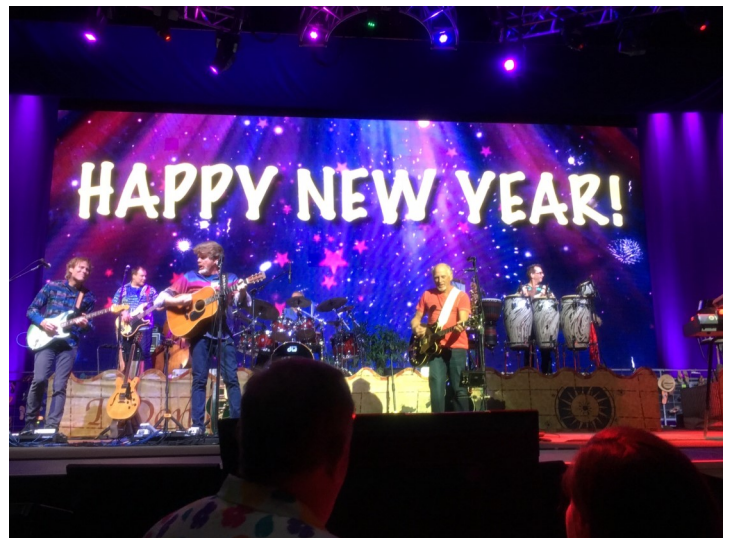
opened on New Year's Day.

If you like to shop, the strip has plenty of stops including Boot and Leather goods with amazing deals.

The highlight of the visit was the Jimmy Buffet concert New Year's eve. Jimmy and the band played at the Bridgestone arena. Huey Louis opened the show and it didn't take long for him to warm up the sold out crowd.

It was so much fun to count down the year with Jimmy and see his amazing energy. This was a first for many in attendance and they were very loud and so happy celebrating the arrival of 2018. The arena was electrifying as the thousands of large and small balloons fell from the ceiling.

If you enjoy food, drink, good music, and fun, Nashville is a must visit city. Make your plans soon, I know I am going back again.



Denny



## Strange Bird—Lorraine Stone

**How & why you joined the club?** I was at the Crown Plaza with some friends and we heard the Jimmy and the Parrots band playing, so towards the end of the night, we crashed the party. I saw people that I knew including Shelly and Jeff Hamsher and asked what the party was for and I decided it looked like a fun group of people.

**Where will you go when the volcano blows?** I would go to the beautiful volcanic islands of Hawaii.

**What is your favorite Buffet song?** FINS

**What is your favorite line from a Buffet song?**  
The classic, Wastin' away again in Margaritaville.

**How many Buffet concerts have you attended / and favorite?** I think I have been to 4. The best was the first concert in Philly because it was a perfect, sunny day and there were a lot of fun people with great set ups in the parking lot.

**If all Buffet music was lost what would you listen to?** Classic Rock and Roll, Pink, Billy Idol or anything I can dance to!

**How long have you listened to Buffet?** For about 10 years.

**Favorite Movie?** Difficult to choose just one. Weekend at Bernie's, Dirty Dancing, and Love Actually are some of my favorites.

**What do you like on your cheeseburger?** Hot Pepper Cheese and Onion Straws

**Favorite Food?** Salmon or Chips and Onion Dip

**What is your favorite Trop Rock Venue?** IDK

**Where is your Margaritaville?** Santa Monica, CA



**118**  
**members**



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### Jimmy G's Golf Outing

June 23, 2018

Chapel Hill

Music by Dead Jimmy

Charity: BCPHC Angel Fund

### Membership Committee:

*Sue Standefer*

The Membership Committee will meet Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30am at the Standefer House. New Committee Members are always welcome!





## Cabin Fever

A mix of country and trop rock gave a different vibe to Cabin Fever as the attendees enjoyed the music of Southern Drawl. Many sported cowboy boots and flannel shirts, yet others stuck to their traditional tropical style. Held at the DoubleTree on January 20, 2018, the event benefited Concern, a non profit providing prevention, placement and treatment services to children and their families.

Beyond the musical entertainment, silent auction and chinese raffles provided our guests the opportunity to win an array of prizes including kids toys, artwork, food baskets, and gift cards. A live auction added to the fundraising as a Key West property, photo package and boxing gloves autographed by Larry Holmes were auctioned off.

The pony race took place during the band break as four high bidders and two sponsors raced across the dance floor when their number was rolled on the dice. All three winners donated their winnings back to the charity which we are so grateful for.

Proceeds have not been calculated as of yet so stay tune for the final amount benefiting children and families in Berks County through Concern.





*From our Charity:*

**Parrot Heads and CONCERN – Perfect Together**

On Saturday evening, January 20, the Berks County Parrot Head Club hosted their annual “Cabin Fever” event at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading, PA to benefit CONCERN’s Greater Berks foster care programs and raising \$11,300 in the process.

The Berks County Parrot Head Club is one of a network of 235 nonprofit organizations across North America and Australia of Jimmy Buffet enthusiasts whose purpose is to engage in activities that are charitable, educational, and promote the general welfare of the community. The motto of the club is to “party with a purpose” and they certainly proved that evening that having fun and raising money for a good cause do not have to be mutually exclusive.

More than 200 people joined in the festivities enjoying the sounds of the Southern Drawl Band, eating and drinking the beverage of their choice, partaking in various raffles and silent auction items, and enjoying auctioneer Dick Henry as he presided over the live auction all to benefit the children and youth served by CONCERN in Berks County. Thank you Berks County Parrot Head Club for having CONCERN be a part of this very special evening!



**Concern Check.....\$ 11,300**

**Grand Total (to-date) \$ 689,501**



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Useless and Important Information is a publication of the Berks County Parrot Head Club, a non-profit organization based in Reading, Pennsylvania. The club’s mission is to promote friendship and organize social activities for people who share a tropical spirit, an affection for island music, and the desire to contribute to the betterment of the community through a variety of volunteer and charitable efforts and functions.

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. This publication is produced by the staff of the club’s newsletter committee and is a vehicle to exchange information about club activities and social events. Any opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors alone and not necessarily those of the BCPHC or its leadership. The images, articles, and graphics in this newsletter are the property of the BCPHC and may not be reproduced in any way without the permission of the club leadership.

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

<http://www.berkscountyparrothead.club>