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USELESS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BERKS COUNTY PARROT HEAD CLUB



Message from our Prez:

Hello again from the Prez. The year began with our Cabin Fever Party in January at the Doubletree to benefit Concern. For those who attended we got to listen to the Southern Drawl band for the first time. Mike Nash and his band enjoyed the opportunity to play for our club and we enjoyed some of his own tunes. The Board of Directors of Concern and their members were most generous with many raffle items and volunteers to help raise money for their great Charity. A special thanks to all of our BCPHC family who work so hard at every event. This year's event occurred early in January and may have hurt attendance which was lower than normal.

We will be moving next year's date to February 9th, 2019. Due to availability the location will also change to the INN at Reading. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun party.

Band and Charity to be announced later.

2018 is shaping up to be one of our best years. The Club has several new members and those birds all look like they are ready to Party with a Purpose and help us give back to our Berks County Charities.

Thanks to Jimmy G and April along with Scott and Casey Schaffer, the Golf outing was a lot of fun and the proceeds once again went to the Angel Fund. Weather cooperated after a small rain delay and the golfers had plenty



of refreshments and laughs while competing for prizes. Not sure who won and nobody seemed to care as Dead Jimmy played some old and some first

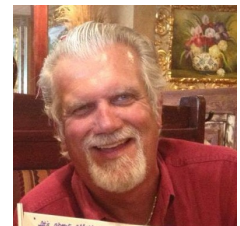
time new tunes.

Summer Parrot Daze was held on July 21st and 22nd. This event benefitted ARL and was a huge success, despite the rain. It may have been a record breaker.... Stay tune! Yes, Jimmy and the Parrots were back by popular demand and didn't disappoint. See Sherry's article on page 4 and 5 for some fun photos from the event.

For all new members, this is a PHIP two-time number 1 newsletter and 4-time winner of the Award. See Newsletter article on page 6

Remember this is an election year for anyone who wants to join the Board of Directors.

Happy to be your President, Denny



Cabin Fever

February 9, 2019

Inn at Reading

Music : To be announced

Charity: To be announced



Kenny Chesney Trip Around the Sun Tour



On June 9th 2018 Kenny Chesney brought his Trip Around the Sun tour to Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

Deb and I went to the concert with newer members Bob and Cathy Stackhouse. Bob being a Penn State Alum and a seasoned tailgater provided us with all the needed items to make a great day. Tent, grill,

food, drink, and yes music. Wish I would have gone to college.

The day on the parking lot was great and we were visited by our friend Denise from Beverly Hills. The fun was just like a Buffett concert with many happy friendly people. A Late day storm blew our tent in to the neighbors as everybody was holding on to something. So yes we became better friends as we all worked together to restore the party area.

The concert was outstanding with opening performances from Old Dominion and Thomas Rhett. Kenny Chesney was absolutely awesome and has more energy than anyone I have seen. The Linc was sold out and very loud as Kenny did favorite song after favorite song as the crowd sang and danced along. At only 50 years old he could be

the next Buffett.

The Highlight of the night was when Kenny talked about his song “The Boys of Fall”. He started out by saying that he didn’t perform the song once during the tour. He was holding off until he came to Philadelphia. This was his tribute to the Eagles winning the Super Bowl. As he started the performance, out paraded a nice representative of the Eagles team including Carson Wentz, Nick Foles, Doug Pederson and Eagles owner Jeffery Lurie and the Trophy. What an awesome moment, the crowd erupted. They all autographed an Eagles Helmet and Kenny presented it to a little girl in the crowd and again the everyone went wild. It was truly a memorable night.



We would recommend to all of Kenny’s fans who have not been to a live performance to put it on your bucket list. If you are on the fence, go see him and you will be a fan by the end of the night.

It was a great day of fun and fellowship for many

Nashville... great time with great friends

On Thursday, August 2nd, 10 parrotheads stuffed the bus (2 minivans just doesn’t have the same ring to it) and headed to Nashville.

Eager to arrive in the planned 10 hours, the group left at 9:00am with suitcases, guitars and Landshark in tow. A fatal tractor trailer accident on 81 in Virginia closed down the in-



terstate and delayed the one van 3 hours (they took the 2nd detour) and the other 5 hours (they took the 1st detour) so the first evening didn’t go as planned. This delay was frustrating but in true Parrothead fashion, we made the best of it as each car reported their fictitious location to the other car (Old Man Johnson’s amusement park, heading west of Rt 765 on the Cumberland Gap, Johnson City, Tennessee). And Susie and Barb moved forward as planned and polished off the case of Landshark on the road.

Once there, the trip was filled with lots of laughs, country music and delicious food. Diets went to the side as biscuits and gravy were consumed at most meals. Interestingly, the winner of the best biscuits and gravy contest was Bob Evans Restaurant (even

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beat out the famous Loveless Café). Each day included a drive-by or a stop at the Dukes of Hazzard museum and gift shop although only the men seemed to enjoy the ambiance!

The Broadway circuit on Friday and part of Saturday was filled with amazing talent, fun venues, and lots of laughs. Our own Dead Jimmy had the opportunity to entertain the crowd at Tootsies, one of Nashville's famous spots that Hank, Willie, Cash (and anybody that's anybody) have all been known to perform in the past! Dave beamed from ear to ear upon exiting the stage and exclaimed "Check that off the bucket list!" His parrothead friends were as excited and practically knocked him over with hugs and high-fives!

Saturday evening was the Grand Ole Opry and although there were no recent big names performing, it was still an evening to remember.

A trip to Lynchburg, TN on Sunday was enjoyed by all as we toured the Jack Daniels Distillery and most sampled a variety of product.



Our mouths were watering during the tour as the aroma was incredible and had you eager to move on to the sampling. Once in the sample room, we were instructed to smell each one and describe the aroma.... "Chocolate", "bananas", "oak"

were mentioned as possibilities. This provided more incentive to finally get the sweet-smelling liquid in your mouth. However, the first drop left most of us disap-



pointed. Susie and Barb ended up sipping a little of each and giving the rest to Dave H. while Debbie, Sherry, Dave F., Jen and Dave B consumed it all with faces of disgust! (Yes, there were 3 Dave's on this trip!)

It was a memorable trip and we're hoping Jerry can join us on the next adventure!



Strange Bird—Sheldon Snyder



How & why you joined the club? I have no idea, you're all crazy!

Where will you go when the volcano blows? Jump in my Corvette and put the pedal to the metal

What is your favorite Buffet song? Fruit Care

What is your favorite line from a Buffet song? Fins to the right .

How many Buffet concerts have you attended / and favorite? None, all of them.

If all Buffet music was lost what would you listen to? Country.

How long have you listened to Buffet? A long, long time.

Favorite Movie? I can only imagine.

What do you like on your cheeseburger? Cheese and dill pickle.

Favorite Food? Hot Dogs

What is your favorite Trop Rock Venue? IDK

Where is your Margaritaville? 2091 Morgantown Rd. The beer's always cold.

Membership Committee:

Sue Standefer

The Membership Committee will meet Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 at the Standefer Tiki Bar. We are always looking for new members on the committee. We don't meet every month – only if we have business to conduct. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee contact Susie at 610-703-5852 or email counsel2@ptd.net.



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Summer Parrot Daze

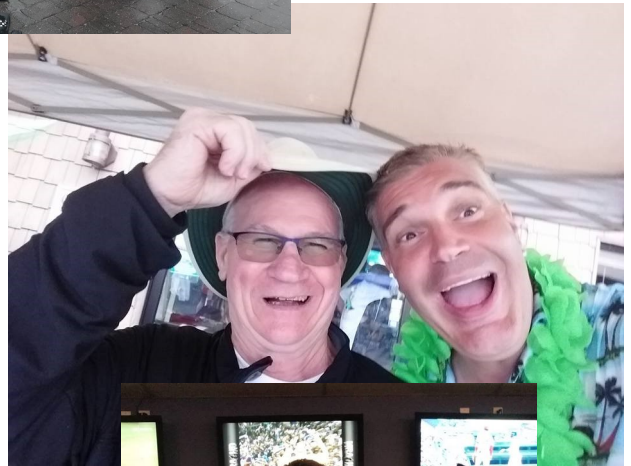
Events / Marketing Committee – Sherry Ritchey, Chair

The forecast was uncertain and they were calling for 100% chance of rain. Despite that uncertainty, the Berks County Parrot Head Club took on that challenge. Despite the rainy forecast, 100's of people showed up to party with a purpose at the Beverly Hills Tavern for Summer Parrot Daze 2018! This year's charity was the ARL (Animal Rescue League).

After months a planning, BCPHC and ARL volunteers gathered on Saturday morning (which was partly sunny and dry) and began arranging tables, decorating, hanging banners, getting merchandise arranged, putting up tents and at 12 noon we were ready to party!! And then came the RAINS!!!

Jimmy and the Parrots in their usual lively style entertained the crowd (under tents and tarps) with trop rock and sing along classics. Bare feet and dancing in the rain took on a new meaning!

We held the dog and cat races (in the rain), we had Chinese auctions, silent



Tiki Times continue to Rock!!



We held an "End of Summer Tiki Time" which was held at the Standerfer's Tiki Bar. Since Susie and Jerry were on the injured reserved list, the event was potluck style.

Everyone that attended brought a covered dish, desserts and ice cold beverages. We enjoyed good food, laughter, swimming and just relaxing. There was also some Summer Trivia with prizes. Great time was had by all!



Newsletter:

First a little History on the newsletter. Our BCPHC newsletter has always been special and one of the better ones in PHIP. We won 4 times in the PHIP annual newsletter competition. A third place, a second place, and two first place awards. Our current Newsletter Chairperson created a new format for our publication that won our second First place award. Nice Job Dave! The first place award comes with a donation of \$300 to a Charity of our choice.

We are struggling with getting the Newsletter out on a regular basis. There have been several reasons for delays but that is now part of the history and not worth re-visiting. The latest challenges are getting articles by deadlines from members. I am not throwing stones as I have been guilty myself. We must encourage Committee Heads to write committee reports and encourage members to write about special events in the Club or personal Trop Rock concerts or vacation spots other members would enjoy reading about.

The Newsletter is to inform our members of events, things of interest, and of course recognize our STRANGE BIRDS which allows you to better know what kind of Bird they are. We are all strange birds in some way. In reality it is all about our BCPHC family.

This committee needs and wants participation from the membership and any help will be appreciated including new ideas or thoughts to ponder.

So in closing, the newsletter is not about the awards we received but all about you and your BCPHC family. Please participate in some small way to help Dave and his committee continue to publish a Newsletter we all enjoy reading. Thanks in advance, Denny

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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>



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September 13, 2018

Beverly Hills Tavern