

# Fall Newsletter



## BERKS COUNTY PARROT HEAD CLUB

### MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

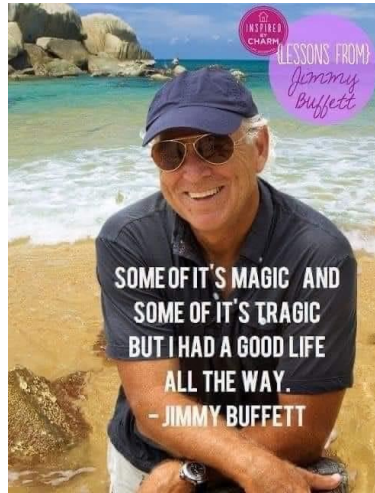
				
<b>Denny</b>	<b>JimmyG</b>	<b>Barry</b>	<b>Alan</b>	<b>Deb</b>
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Jimmy passed away peacefully on the night of September 1st surrounded by his family, friends, music and dogs.

He lived his life like a song till the very last breath and will be missed beyond measure by so many.

*Jimmy Buffett*  
1946-2023

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j3jDTOG7yI>

Copy and paste the link above into your browser to watch the video of "Bubbles UP"

## Prez Article

This year's Summer Parrot Daze/Jimmy G's golf outing on June 24th was held at Chapel Hill golf course. Our Charity was the Reading Public Library Foundation and we could not have picked a more energetic or enthusiastic group. With the leadership of Melissa Adams, Linda Capazello, and the hard work of Lori Carman, the event was a huge success. Of course a big part of the success came from the hard work of our many BCPHC volunteers working together with the Charity volunteers. It was wonderful to see so many of our club members attending and enjoying the day. Music by Plenty Pepper and the Caribbean Sunset Band were enjoyed by all with plenty of positive feedback from those who attended.

A big thank you Jimmy G and Ryan from Chapel Hill. Also to Scot and Casey Schaffer who do all the work to make the Golf outing successful for all who play. And also work hard to help the Parrot Daze Event.

Your BCPHC presented a BIG check to the Reading Public Library Foundation for \$14,500. For the STEM program. I love making those check presentations and that is the reason I founded the club.

## Denny

memories





## **Jerry Standefer... A Parrot Head in the Purest Sense of the Word**

By Debbie Hartranft

As I write these words on paper, many images of Jerry are flowing in and out of my mind, just like a flock of parrots. In particular, I have had this image (see below) of Jerry dressed as a pirate in one of the last Pirate Pub Crawls we held. This same image immediately popped in my head when Paul Smith spoke at Jerry's service and mentioned the pub crawls. Paul spoke so beautifully of Jerry, and I was grateful for the wonderful image he provoked in me. I haven't been able to get that image out of my head ever since and I've been searching frantically for weeks to find it (finally did!).

***So why is he a Parrot Head (in the purest sense of the word)?***

### **Love of Jimmy Buffett / Trop Rock music**

He truly loved Jimmy Buffett music and attended several concerts. Not only did he love Jimmy Buffett, he loved Jimmy and the Parrots and Dead Jimmy. He was a true fan of all of these entertainers and both of the latter performers took the time to visit Jerry separately when he was in his latest residence, Kutztown ? (See photos to left). Jerry often requested songs and just sat back and smiled and nodded. Music seemed to soothe his soul.

### **Laidback Lifestyle**

I didn't have the opportunity to know Jerry before he retired, but he definitely enjoyed a laidback lifestyle and didn't seem rattled by much (except you would get a glimpse of it when the Eagles or Phillies lost or when certain political topics were brought up). Overall, he enjoyed his pool and tropical back yard with his loving wife, Susie, and enjoyed inviting people and groups over to join in the relaxing atmosphere they created. He and Susie also enjoyed that relaxed "beach life" vibe each year as they became snowbirds flocking to Florida for a month or two. Dave and I had the pleasure of joining them one year and they really were where they needed and wanted to be. It brought them both joy.

The song Margaritaville gives this context. Margaritaville is not a place; it is a state of mind or can even be a state of being. It has been described as being everywhere and nowhere, everything and nothing at the same time. Jerry had that state of mind.



## Philanthropy and Community

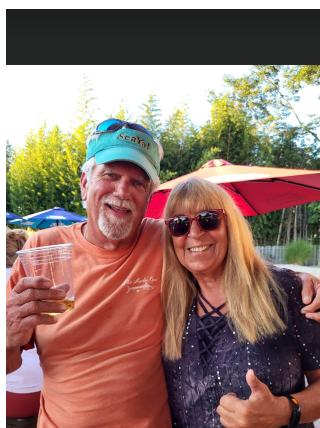
Jerry recognized the importance of community giving and philanthropy. He attended every event he could and volunteered whenever possible. He was kind, respectful and genuine. I once told him he was one of the nicest men I have ever met. And I meant that. I only remember him being nice. Simply nice.

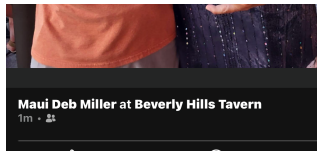
Being a "Parrot Head" at any level is to give yourself to a fun-loving, warm, friendly, and socially conscious mind-state. Jerry Standefer personified that description.

Sail on Jerry.....



Scott Kirby was at Beverly Hills Tavern on Wednesday September 6th. Many Local Parrot Heads and some from our Neighboring Clubs attended. It was a great show. Thank you Jimmy G for sponsoring Scott again this year. The plan is to have him return every year.





Our own sponsorship chair, **Chris Ernst** was on a charter fishing boat with some of his family and friends and reeled in a swordfish recently. Member **Jay Sockel** and Chris along with 4 others including Chris's dad Randy set out for a day of fishing out of Ocean City looking for tuna and mahi. Tuna bite wasn't there so the captain decided to try for swordfish. This would be his first time as well as ours to catch a big one. About 20 minutes after getting the rigs in we were hooked up then the fight was on. Everyone on the boat lended a hand in getting the **67.2 pound** swordfish into the boat it was a great team effort.





Tickets \$30.00 each. Doors open 5:30 pm. Concert begins at 6:30 pm. Call 610-375-8000 for dinner reservations at Cheers Restaurant and/or room reservations. Reserved seat tickets at <https://www.itickets.com/events/475531> General Admission tickets available at A to Z Vacuum 610-374-4888. Contact Denny Lorah at 610-823-5262 with questions. Presented by Crime Alert Berks County and Berks County Parrot Head Club. All proceeds benefit Crime Alert Berks County. Sponsorship opportunities still available - contact Chris Ernst or Denny Lorah for information.

Link to tickets:

<https://www.itickets.com/events/475531>

DoubleTree HOTEL INFORMATION:

Group Code: 905 (Guests may call into the hotel using this code)

Your cut off is set for November 24th, 2023, if guests already have made reservations they may reach out to for rate adjustments.

Check out the Berks County Parrot Head Club Facebook Page for a video our Prez starred in taped live at the Pike Cafe outdoor patio.

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*Save the Date*

**SUMMER PARROT DAZE CHARITY**

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 24, 2024

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**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON**