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Ginny loves getting to socialize with new people, meeting new friends and having Parrot Head fun—Party with a Purpose! Her favorite charities are the Humane Society (lucky for us!) and breast cancer causes. Now that she's an official bi-clubal parrot head, she loves getting together with other groups and participating in their charity events. Most recently, she found she enjoys the Chili Cook-off. The World Wildlife Federation also gets some of her time and money. As with many of Buffett's followers, animals are a big concern for her.

She says, "My favorite Buffett song is 'Come Monday', without a doubt. It's on my alarm clock and I wake up to it every morning." Guess she really likes "Come Monday"! She's seen Jimmy in concert four times, but also has gone to Celine Dion, Trans-Siberian Orchestra and she LOVES Josh Groban. "I've seen him twice!

When asked what she would do if she could easily choose another career, she said, "My career would be sitting on my *ss on a beach, drinking Bloody Marys or margaritas." Seriously, though, she'd be a travel agent or a character at Disney World. Seems to me you could have the first choice as a hobby with THOSE jobs!

Ginny loves to travel. Her favorite vacation spots are Key West, the southern Caribbean and San Antonio. Something tells me that she'd enjoy any place that is warm, with a good beach. Although she's been to Key West numerous times, this year was her first visit for Meeting of the Minds. Ginny lost her MOTM virginity this year! I suspect we'll see her there again as she participated in many activities and didn't get to see all the bands she'd hoped to see. There is never enough time at MOTM.

Now you have a little more info on our drivin' Ginny. Welcome her with open arms and watch her smile light up a room!

Ginny Neidigh joined the Amish last year and you've probably already met her, but let's get some information we may not know. Ginny is "formerly married" with two successful adult children and she's "Damn proud of it!" Good job raising the kids, Ginny! Ginny now hangs out with her mother in Harrisburg, where she also grew up. She's lived in the surrounding area all her life.

You may already know this, but Ginny is a chauffeur extraordinaire, a fabulous mother and grandmother, as well as a hostess with the mostest at the Harrisburg Hilton (in Raspberries Restaurant). She "retired" in August 2009, after 13 years at Capital Blue Cross. One of her non-paying jobs when her children were young was as a Brownie/Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

It was her growing love of Jimmy that brought her to us. "I just started enjoying JB more and more and went on Buffettnews.com to find out how to join a fan club. They directed me to Parrot Heads in Paradise, and the rest is history!"



Captain Patrice is on Vacation



I decided to give Patrice a break from the extra edition of the Tequila Times. Instead, we'd like you to see what's at the other end of US 1. We all talk about Key West and following US 1 to the end of the island. How many of you have MILE MARKER 0 stickers, magnets and coolie cups? Well, this is the editor's homage to the OTHER end of the highway...where US 1 ends.



PURSER'S REPORT

Balance in Account	11/30/11	3,240.63
Income:		
Raffles & 50/50		73.00
Membership Dues		1,300.00
Total Income		1,373.00
Expenses:		
Newsletter Printing		53.65
Stars & Promises		10.00
Raffle Prize Purchases		108.00
Total Expenses		262.65

Balance in Account	12/31/11	4,351.98
Outstanding Liabilities:		
2012 Holiday Party		1,250.00
Holiday Party Band		300.00
Total Liabilities		1,550.00
Available Balance	11/30/2011	2,801.98

New Members



Jim doesn't know the words to Margaritaville!

A Record Breaking Penguin Plunge



Our Plungers



Khloe Hugs William

This year broke all kinds of records! The first and best one was for the plunging team. This was the warmest of the three years—air temp was in the 50s and the water temp a very tolerable 38°. The sun was a-shining and the breeze was a-blowin'. We could have done without the breeze, but for January 1...not too shabby.



Barb the Shark getting ready to sample penguin appetizers.



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OUT

The largest (to date) Team PHIAP consisted of 9 two-legged and 2 four-legged plungers—Dan and Patrice “Carmen Miranda” Hall with Tucker, William Bendokas with Khloe, Sharon Mixon, Christina and Jason Witmer, Dani Hoy, Kelly Maurer, and Barb “Torpedo” Tyree (Ask Dan about that one...he tells the story best.). Barb arrived in the man-eating shark costume, which seemed to be the hit of the day. “Landshark” was a popular photo op! Record number three is the truly impressive record. In just a short period of time, Team PHIAP collected \$1225 for the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area! That will buy a lot of kitty litter and Kong toys! Kudos to ALL the plungers and their amazing supporters. \$200 came from Tequila Times second place win in the newsletter competition. An interesting note—all the TT staff was at City Island on January 1st for the festivities!

Once again, Christmas in the Caribbean was a smash hit! The Berks County Parrot Head Club sponsored the adorable Nadirah Shakoor, joined by Michael Utley and Robert Greenidge. Following on the heels of Peter Mayer's Stars and Promises, this event is another annual holiday spectacular.

Christmas In The Caribbean

The concert opened with Jimmy and the Parrots giving their all as only they can do. They did a few Christmas songs (their own, included) along with their usual batch of toe tapping, dancing, pogo-ing favorites. What would a JATP show be without "Volunteers", "Yea Mon" and "We Owe it All to Jimmy"?

After a brief intermission, with raffle drawings (Piratemon won the RumMan!) a powerful second act began with the most breathtaking renditions of traditional Christmas songs. If you have not heard Christmas songs lovingly coaxed from a steel drum, accompanied by Utley on the keyboard, you are truly missing a piece (peace) of life. I was rapt at Mr. Greenidge's mastery of the pan.

Nadirah came out with the rest of the band and then the fun really started. The songbird blessed us with her voice, before tossing the set list and taking requests...allowing us to really see the talent of the band. She sang songs that none of them had played before, yet every one of them kept up and made beautiful noise!

The after party was held at Viva! next to the Courtyard Marriott Wyomissing (Reading). This year, the price was up to \$20, but that got you a delicious buffet, as well as a continuing party with Jimmy and the Parrots. Jimmy played well into the morning, without breaks, keeping the crowd jumping. If you haven't been up to visit our neighbors to the northeast, the Berks County Parrot Head Club, try them out. They always have a good time and know how to "Party with a Purpose!"





Peter Mayer– Stars and Promises by Dan Hoy

As everyone found their way to their seats in the beautiful sanctuary at Highland Presbyterian Church on the evening of Dec.17th the atmosphere was filled with a sense of expectation. Like so many people there, I had come for my annual dose of warmth, hope, and joy. It's been a tough year for so many people, and all the sad and depressing news from the past year has left me and most of us with "no sign of spring and no promise to carry you." We were all ready and hungry for the uplift and warmth that only Peter Mayer and his group could provide.

For me, "Stars and Promises" is when Christmas really starts. Until then I am just treading water and going through the motions. When I leave after Peter's show, I am filled with the sense that I have just been part of something both spiritual and deeply personal. The connection between Peter, his amazing crew of musicians, and the audience is both obvious and very rare. "Little Drummer Boy" is always a wonderful surprise from R. Scott Bryan, and "Harmony" speaks clearly of how our fragmented families can come together at Christmas. Every song was a jewel. I can't speak for the rest of the audience, but when "Sing Joy" came round I was moved to tears by the simple expression of 'Hallelujah anyway!' that song always gives me. Again this year, "Echoes of the Season" proved that the stars were still bright and beautiful, and the promises were all kept. Thank you Little Flock, and thanks for the hope to get me through another year.

Cruisin' Dan's Quick Reference Calendar

(the one-stop shop for parrothead event information)

Jan 2012

OK, the holiday season is over for another year but there are still plenty of events to get us through the winter. Keep an eye on our club website, Yahoo Group listserv and the PHIAP Facebook page for additional info and updates.

Play Ball!

Jan 27-29: 10th Annual MidWinter Meltdown

Best Western Battlefield Inn
Manassas, VA
www.midwintermeltdown.com

Jan 28: Berks County PHC Annual Cabin Fever Festival

5 pm – 8 pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel
1741 Papermill Rd, Reading, PA 19610
Musical entertainment by the Mango Men

On Deck

Feb 4: Paint the Parrot Purple Party,

7:00 – 11:00 pm
Relay for Life of Western Berks
The Inn at Reading
1040 North Park Road
Wyomissing, PA
Music by Jimmy & the Parrots
\$20 admission includes draft beer & soda

Feb 11, 2012:

CJPHC 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Celebration

The Green Room at the Sawmill
1807 Boardwalk, Seaside Heights, NJ
4:00pm - 10:00pm
Entertainment by Jimmy and the Parrots
with Tall Paul and Michael "Crawdaddy"
Crawley. www.cjphc.org

Batter Up: Mark those calendars now!

Mar 7, 2012: PHIAP Friends & Family Trip

Montego Bay, Jamaica
Iberostar Rose Hall Beach
Book your stay from 4-7 nights
Contact Shauna Manana for full details

Jul 28, 2012: 4th Annual Summer in Paradise

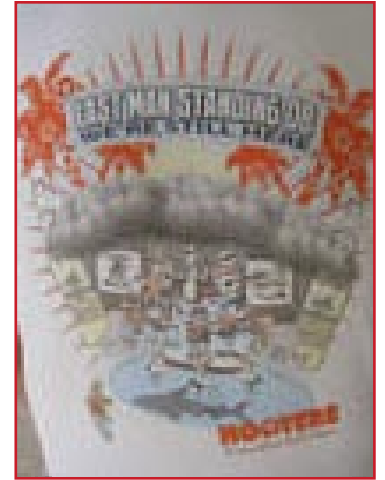
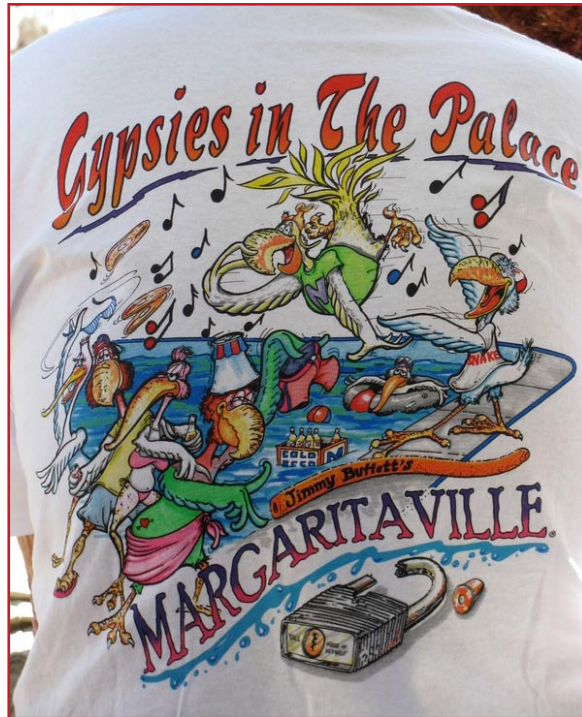
Naylor's Winery
Stewartstown, PA

April 26-29: Spring PHling

Wildwood, NJ

Fall 2012: Overnight Bus trip to Margaritaville Café

Niagara Falls, Canada



JACK'S BACKS



Your 2012 PHiAP Board

Captain- Patrice Hall

First Mate -Lynn Stewart

Purser- Scott Stephens

Scribe- Shauna Manana

Cruise Director-Dan Hall

Cruise Director-Lisa McMullen

Member-at- Large

2 year- Christina Baldwin Witmer

1 year- Dani Hoy

1 year- Wayne Beck

I know I've put the Snowflake Martini in before, but thought it was worth a repeat. It's always a hit at parties and keeps the holiday mood going!

Snowflake Martini

Ingredients:

1 part citrus vodka (alcohol can be replaced with fruit juice)

2 parts blue cognac

a splash of white cranberry juice

ice

Sprinkle of shredded coconut for garnish

Rim a cocktail glass with sugar by running a slice of lemon around the rim, then dip rim in sugar.

Add the ingredients into a shaker, shake well (shake, not stir) and strain into rimmed cocktail glass.

The crowning touch is a sprinkle of coconut, which resembles snowflakes.

Captain Morgan Cooler

1 oz Captain Morgan

2 oz Pineapple juice

Splash cherry juice

Dash of grenadine

Shake with ice and serve in tall cooler glass. Garnish with pineapple slice, orange slice or cherry.

Green Iguana

$\frac{3}{4}$ oz Midori melon liqueur

$\frac{3}{4}$ oz tequila

3 oz sour mix

Combine with ice and shake. Strain into tall glass with ice. Garnish with fruit.

