

Pirate Log

Blossomland Pirates

Parrot Head Club

March 2017



Ahoy Ye Pirates!

Remember last month I said Barefoot Children was a “Kick Ass Party” Well it was even better than that after all the counting we raised \$5699.96, oh, what the hell we raised **\$5700.00** this year. We split this between our club and PHiM. On Thursday we will donate **\$2500** to the American Cancer Society / Climbing for Cancer, Relay for Life team. This donation will get us recognized as a ‘Platinum Level’ donor for 2017 and we will receive a variety of perks (and you can never have too many perks) for this effort. We did hold back \$350 as ‘seed’ money for next year’s event which we will donate to the Climbing for Cancer team next February, for our total donation of **\$2850.00**.

Work and planning has already begun for next year being even bigger and better! Set aside next January 19-21 and we’ll do it all over again.

We’re the Blossomland Pirates but have yet to go on a **Pirate Cruise!** and that be a changin. Our phriends to the north, the Shoreline PHC, sails out of Ludington and they are having a Pirate Cruise June 10. This be a Saturday sunset cruise on the SS Badger. We board at 8:30 pm n set sail at 9 pm cruising the Lake Michigan shore lookin for booty to plunder. An’ thar be plenty of grog and vittles on board too. Aye, we got the music too. Two Dudes in Flip Flops will sing us a few tunes as we keep a close lookout for booty and grog!

We gots a party buffet with desserts and soft drinks (why?) but we also got the good stufh too. Thar be two cash bars including the ‘Buccaneer ... buck a beer special’. The cruise cost only a few sheckles (that’s \$39 each for ye lay persons). Just visit www.ssbadger.com or call 800-841-4243 and tell them ye want to sail on the **Ludington Pirates of the Caribbean Shoreline Cruise**.

When we get ashore around 11 pm we do some pub crawl raidin’ downtown with our phellow Pirates from the Shoreline club.

When ye want to crash we be docking at the Holiday Inn Express. It’s about a 4 mile jaunt from shore but thee price is fair. Just \$127.56 a nite when ye ax for the Two Dudes in Flip Flops group call them at 231-845-7311. We be a workin on a ride back cuz ye don’t want to be a drunken sailor a walkin or drivin.

When ye do your packin’ be sure to bring your finest pirate / piratess or wench (always a good choice) outfit. Ye don’t go a pirate cruisin’ in regular duds. Ye can practice on yer Pirate lingo too.

Fins Up

Paul



Ye Pirate crew from sails past



Dis not be our ship - but we can dream

A Play For GateWay

GateWay 32nd Annual Softball Fundraiser - July 28th, 29th, 2017
Presented by: United Federal Credit Union

This is an annual fundraiser for Gateway services, a local organization that helps developmentally disabled individuals with education, work placement, and development of social skills.

However, this is unlike any other softball tournament you have ever experienced-where the points and skill level don't matter. The "Winner" is determined by dollars collected to utilize in "bribing" the umps and penalize the other team. Past items include making someone bat with a whiffle ball bat, bouncing on a rubber ball or riding a pogo stick around the bases, we even tp'd someone once. It is a lot of fun and we can even dress as Pirates.

The event is family friendly with concessions, a bounce house, face painting and for the grown-ups a beer tent!

Cost for each team to participate is \$350 which includes lunch for each player, a chance to win raffle prizes, a t-shirt and a group photo. In addition we will need cash bribes for the day of the game.

(I am working on getting a local company to sponsor us and cover the entry fee)

What we need are Fourteen People willing to Play in the Game (anyone is welcome-friends and family can also play or cheer you on from the stands)

Our choice for playing is either Friday July 28th from 7:30p-9p or

Saturday July 29th 10:30a-Noon OR 12p-1:30p

If you have any interest in participating please email me and also your choice for date/time to play. I will also bring all the information with to the March Phlocking.

Thank you! Heidi Pantaleo heidimp69@live.com 269-231-0654



"Everyone has a hidden talent they don't know about ... until Tequila"

JUST BECAUSE YOU "CAN'T" DANCE

**DOESN'T MEAN THAT
YOU "SHOULDN'T" DANCE**

- ALCOHOL



*At the last meeting there
was a rumor about a cannon
joining the club?*

Club Bits & Pieces

Want to become more involved with the club. How about being a chairperson for some important areas. New Member recruiting / orientation, Publicity, Communications, or what ever 'floats yer boat'. Just let a board member know.

Be sure to visit the PHiP page and the Great Lakes calendar's and see what your phellow clubs are up to. You'll never be disappointed when visiting another clubs event. Parrot Heads will always welcome you with open arms, and a drink, to join them whenever they 'Party with a Purpose'.

IDEAS WANTED! Have a favorite charity you'd like to help? How about a great place to have a phlocking? Any ideas for an event? What would you like to see your club do? What about hosting a house party? Or just arranging for a social of some sort?

Any ideas for future phlockings? Place - day - time - ???

Send in your ideas and let's talk about them.

Dates to put on the 'fridge

June 10 - Pirate Cruise in Ludington

July 28-30 - Gateway Softball fundraiser

Sept. 16 - Beach Sweep at Lincoln Twp. Park

tbd - Squeeze 'em for a Reason Trivia Nite

(sometime this fall and held at the St. Joe Kickers Club)

Tbd - possible fund raiser with 2121 Winery

(very early stages of discussion at this time)

Nov. 2 - 5 - Meeting of the Minds in Key West

(currently 2 attending but it's still early)



Just something to think about - if you get it'.

Welcome to the Phlock

The phlock is growing. We had 5 members join the crew the past few weeks.

Jodi & Dennis (Denny) Haygood from Berrien Springs.

Paul Pantaleo Jr. from Berrien Springs

Todd (Big Mike) & Mary Jo (MJ) Smith from Granger.

Welcome to the Phlock!

Hi everyone, we're Lindsey and Maddie Kovarik and we're excited to be new members (shout out to Jay and Brenda- our parents / fellow members for inviting us)! We are sisters and natives to southwest MI, but we now live together in Indianapolis. Lindsey is a medical speech-language pathologist at a rehabilitation hospital and recently completed certification as a brain injury specialist. Lindsey's a fan of finding and sharing music and meeting new people. Also important: she loves sudoku puzzles. Maddie is a lab technician in a genetics laboratory, and she did not receive any certifications recently. (Nice job Linds! □) In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, reading, and day drinking when socially acceptable. We are excited to be members of this group that gives back to our communities and has a great time! We are looking forward to this year!

March Recipes of the Month

(St. Patrick's Day is March 17)

Guinness Beer Cheese Dip

- 32 oz Velveta Cheese
- 1 c. Guinness Beer (or other Irish Stout)
- 1/2 c. Salsa
- 2 T. Worcestcheshire Sauce
- 1 t. Chili Powder
- 1 t. Onion Powder
- Heat cheese in slow cooker until melted
- Stir in all other ingredients and heat about 10 min.
- Dip pretzels, chips, bread or anything you like
- Best served warm.

Irish Kiss

- 1 shot Baileys Irish Cream
- 1 shot Grand Mariner or Cointrou
- Put into shaker filled with ice and shake
- Strain into glass

Last month when we got those spring like days and you dug out some t-shirts. Did it occur to you that you may want to add one or two to your collection? We can fix you up. How about a brand new spiffy Blossomland Pirates PHC club shirt. These shirts are available in Pirate Black with your club logo on the back (see the front page of this newsletter) and a separate design on the front pocket area (shown below) staking your claim to our corner of the world.

These can be yours for the low cost of \$20 each. We have both men's and women's cut in sizes from M - 3XL. Just let me know how many and what size and we'll fix you up.

Oh yeah, we also have lanyards and cards for you too. No cost - just show up at a phlocking!



Another Trip Around the Sun Birthday's this month

Mar 9 - Terrie Dutkiewicz
Mar 10 - Paul Boger
Mar 10 - Brad King
Mar 11 - Julie Rice
Mar 20 - Nick Giaquinto

Other Dates of Note

Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday
Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Road Trip and Other Phun things to do

Here's a few of the many opportunities to attend Parrot Parties that are fairly close by.

Lots of Jimmy Buffet shows have been announced and there may be more on the way. If you see one you're interested in and want club seats let me know and we may be able to help you out.

JB returns to Wrigley Field on Sat. July 15. While there is no tailgating there expect plenty of bar parties. The Chicago club is working on a gathering spot someplace in the neighborhood so as that comes together we'll let you know. Unless you really want to drive to Wrigley probably the best way to get there is take the South Shore to downtown then the CTA to the field. You may need to walk a few blocks but it beats driving.

We didn't get a response to the Indianapolis Pub Crawl for Cancer. This is on April 22 in downtown Indy. If you're interested contact me and I'll see about getting you on a drinking team!

House parties are always a blast! There will be some this summer as we talked about at our Feb. phlocking. Two of us are headed to Muskegon on Aug. 6 to see Thom Sheppard, Coley McCabe and Two Dudes in Flip Flops. Word is there may be house parties with Sunny Jim White and Southern Drawl Band but nothing definite yet. Again if you are interested just let me know.

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SAVE THE DATE!

July 8, 2017!

Join Central Illinois Parrot Head Club for the 6th Annual

Leather & Leis River Run & Party

to benefit Illinois CancerCare Foundation

BRING MOTORCYCLES, BOATS OR CARS - OR BE ONE OF THE FRUITCAKES ON THE BUS - AND SPEND THE DAY TOURING AWESOME RIVERFRONT STOPS

Party with live music at East Peoria Boat Club to follow the ride

For info: Check Facebook by searching Leather and Leis River Run 2017 or send email to officers@ciphc.org