



St. Somewhere Times

January—February 2017

MESSAGE FROM OUR PREZ

Hello Parrot Heads,

Here we are again at the beginning of a new year. Wow, I have been the president of the Route 66 PHC for a year now. Hard to believe time has passed so quickly, but time flies when you are having fun. Well, I am ready for another fun filled year hanging out with great people doing great things.

I want to thank the group of people I call my friends; we are a small group called the Route 66 Parrot Head Club, a very caring, giving, supporting and passionate group. We believe in taking advantage of the opportunities to have a party for the purpose of reaching out and supporting groups like

Russell House, CASA, Partners for Cuba Pounds, HALO, MoDot Trash Pickup, Friday Backpacks, Happy Acres. We are also passionate about supporting individuals and their families Kasen Halbert, Gilbert Riegel. Let's not forget our other groups such as Earths Classroom, which uses

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King Jr.

the outdoors as a classroom to advance awareness, understanding and appreciation of ecology. Whatever It Takes funds are used to purchase clothing items, shoes, eyeglasses, emergency dental care, etc. to school children in need. In 2016, we donated

\$18,013 in cash, \$5,091, in goods and 874 volunteer hours. PHENOMINAL!!!

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about our Route 66 Parrot Head Club and what I can do to help grow the club and add to the contributions. Bring a friend to a phlocking, meeting or a fundraising event. Help your neighbor or volunteer at a retirement home, the Veterans home or pick from the list above... just find something you are passionate in your heart about and volunteer. I have set a personal goal of 250 hours of volunteering in 2017. How many hours do you have available to volunteer in 2017?

Sincerely,
Donnie Kerksieck

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ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Brown	1/1
Julie Dickerhoof	1/13
Marlene Guittar	1/20
Chuck Shufeldt	1/24
Trish Voss	1/25
Jeff Voss	1/26
Cathy Rose	1/30
Mary Barbara Fitzgerald	1/31
Marcela Rice	2/6
Richard Rice	2/17
Murrell Jones	2/18



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

1/12/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 1/28/17 [STLPHC Kickoff Party](#)

FEBRUARY

2/9/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 2/16-18/17 [Clinton County Spring Fling](#)

MARCH

3/9/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)

APRIL

4/13/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 4/20-23/17 [PCB Rendezvous](#)
 4/29/17 [Don Middlebrook Benefit](#)

MAY

5/11/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 5/13/17 [STLPHC Night at the Races](#)

JUNE

6/8/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 6/17/17 [STLPHC Beach Party](#)
 6/24/17 [Crawfish/Shrimp Boil](#)

JULY

7/8/17 [SIPHC Leather and Leis](#)
 7/13/17 [Monthly Meeting](#) w/HOUSE Concert
 (Kitty Steadman/Melanie Howe)
 7/29-30/17 [Trop Rockin River Fest](#)

AUGUST

8/10/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)

SEPTEMBER

9/14/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 9/23/17 [Donny Brewer at the Port of Indecision](#)

OCTOBER

10/12/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
 10/21/17 [CubaFest](#)

NOVEMBER

11/1-5/17 [Meeting of the Minds](#)
 11/9/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)

DECEMBER

12/2/17 [STLPHC Holiday Party](#)
 12/14/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)

ITEMS IN BLUE ARE ROUTE 66 PHC CLUB EVENTS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARROT HEADS—PAM & RICH RAY

By Jeff Palazzolo

Welcome to our bi-monthly “Getting to Know Your Fellow Parrot Heads”, where we will take a peek inside our fellow members to get to know them just a little better.

Our first installment will be with the Ray’s who, with the Laskowitz’s, founded the Route 66 Parrot Head Club

Name

Rich & Pam Ray

Hometown

Sullivan, MO

Occupation

Rich

Happily retired from the HVAC industry and current Mayor (COB) of Oak Grove Village, MO

Pam

Sales & Marketing Services Manager

Birth/grow up town/School

Richard was born in St. Louis growing up in Sullivan and went to Sullivan High School

Pam was born in St. Louis and lived in North County until Jr. High school when she was displaced to Sullivan where she was devastated as a teenager. In our talk, I think she got over it!

Children

1 son, Rick, who was killed in an automobile accident.

Pets

No more pets at the Ray household

How long Have you been in Route 66 PHC

As phounders of the club, the Ray’s have been part of Route 66 PHC since 2012

How did you get involved in Rt 66 PHC

Being music aficionados with a flair for the easy trop rock type music the Ray’s attended a Jimmy Buffet concert in St. Louis where they discovered the St. Louis Parrothead Club, where they became members.

The logistics of living in Sullivan and STLPHC functions being in Illinois and St. Louis soon proved to be difficult.

I like to think of the Biblical metaphor “if you can’t get Mohammad to the mountain, move the mountain to Mohammad”

That is exactly what the Ray’s did, forming the Route 66 Parrot Head Club.

Has your opinion of Parrotheads changed once you became a parrothead

We started for the party and soon discovered the charitable side.

Favorite Music Genre

Richard 70’s rock

Pam Blues

Favorite Buffet Song

Richard Paradise

Pam Son of a sailor

1st Concert

Richard Joey Dee & the Starlighters who had the hit of

Peppermint Twist

Pam Brewer & Shipley known for 1

Take Over the Line

Last concert (major venue)

Zach Brown

How you met significant other

This question took a little prodding, finally it was revealed that Richard’s mother and sister hooked them up, the rest as they say is history

What are you driving?

Richard Ford pickup & Explorer

Pam fittingly a Mustang Convertible

1 interesting thing nobody knows about you

Richard Mind full of useless information. He can answer trivia questions with no knowledge of where the answer came from!

Pam has a double jointed hip.



MUSICIAN'S SPOTLIGHT

JOHN FRIDAY

Just the Facts, Ma'am . . .

John Friday, the Tropical Balladeer, is a singer/songwriter originally from Maryland, now living in Florida. After a back-breaking (literally) Army career, John settled in the Sunshine State where he pursues his musical dreams every night in the locals pubs and bars.

An eclectic set of interests led John through the gamut of college majors, including biology; education; engineering; mathematics; business ("I'd always made fun of business majors, and suddenly I was one!"); computer science; classics (the most useful part of a classics degree is that you can say "Do you want fries with that?" in Latin!); and finally, one that combined many of John's interests, History. It took a mere twenty years to complete his baccalaureate, as little things like raising children and going to war kept him busy. John's love of History is readily evident, as he will discuss historical events at the drop of a fin-topped hat.

John got his first guitar when he

was 13, after attempts at learning the piano and the clarinet were less than successful. For years, John was never far from that guitar. He took it backpacking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire; while working on a crabber in

"John Friday is often known as the "Teddy Bear of Trop Rock," bringing us beach, dancing and boat songs with his sweet and cuddly personality."

Chesapeake Bay; even while skiing in Maine & Colorado. He still has that guitar, although his collection has grown somewhat over the years.

When it came time to "get a grown-up job," John put away childhood dreams and joined the Army. A series of injuries led to a medical discharge after thirteen years of service. Moving back to the Mid-Atlantic region, John shortly realized that (1) he'd never really grown up and never would, and (2) his childhood dreams of making music were still powerful. Eventually, those dreams led to a southward move.

"Dreams...don't leave childhood without them!"



SCENES FOR 2016 HOLIDAY PARTY

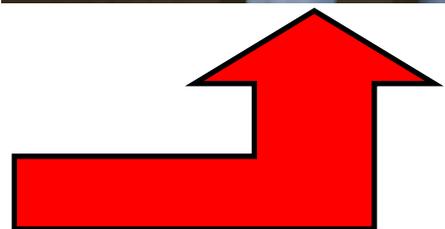
MORE PICS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



SCENES FOR 2016 HOLIDAY PARTY *HAT CONTEST*



Mike Baetz
2016 Holiday Hat Contest Winner



HELPING OUR FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS HALO & PARTNERS FOR THE CUBA POUND

On December 8, 2016, the Route 66 Parrot Head Club presented checks to HALO of Sullivan and Partners for the Cuba Pound totaling \$3250. Without the support of Belmont Winery, this donation would not have been possible. On October 7th, 2016, the Route 66 Parrot Head Club and Belmont Winery co-hosted the annual Boots N Bling fundraiser to benefit these organizations.

HALO is Non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization that helps the animals in the city pound find homes/rescue. Halo advertises for the pound pets, and helps pay for the spays/neuters for all adopted from the pound. Donations are used for medical needs of pound residents, spay/neuter certificates, and other items that make the dogs/cats more comfortable while waiting for a new home.

Partners for the Cuba Pound was formed through the Crawford County Foundation, establishing a designated fund to promote and fundraise for the Cuba MO Animal Control (CAC) beyond what is budgeted by the City of Cuba.



Amy Gallo of HALO is shown accepting a check from the Route 66 Parrot Head



Missy Mullally of Partners for the Cuba Pound is shown receiving accepting a check from the Route 66 Parrot Head Club.

FRIDAY BACKPACK PROGRAMS BOURBON • CUBA • SULLIVAN

In our continuing commitment to serve our local communities, Route 66 Parrot Heads embrace this cause.

In addition to raising dollars for this worthwhile cause, many of our members donate their time by helping with the actual packing of the backpacks.

The Monte Carlo benefit held earlier this year raised a little over \$1365 for the Backpack Programs.

Many children in our community would go hungry on weekends if it wasn't for the programs in place.

Below Brenda Dace and Pam Ray are presenting a check to Pastor Maggie Gann of Grace United Methodist

Church on behalf of the Sullivan Friday Backpack Program.



the
**Friday
BACKPACK
PROGRAM**



Many children depend on the food of the cafeteria for their weekly sustenance, but when the weekend arrives they have no recourse. This is where the local Friday Backpacks programs come in. For approximately \$10 a week, one backpack can be filled with meals to sustain the children through the weekend.

In Missouri, childhood hunger and the issue of food instability has become an increasing concern. The Friday backpack program is one tool that helps combat this issue. The program provides backpacks full of food for students to take home from school on Fridays so they have food to eat over the weekend.

Research tells us that when children experience even occasional hunger, they may have trouble concentrating, aggressive tendencies, stunted growth and increased likelihood of obesity. Children who have food-insecurities, i.e. not enough food to eat, achieve less at school than their better fed counterparts. This program is designed to level the playing field for these children. If hunger can be kept minimal, it has been shown that students' attendance rates will increase and grades will improve.

Friday Backpacks is a program that meets the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends. Volunteers fill backpacks with meals and snacks, which are discreetly distributed to children to take home over the weekend. Children return the backpacks on Monday and the process is repeated throughout the school year.



HAPPY ACRES RESIDENTIAL CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On 12/4/2016, the Route 66 PHC sponsored a Christmas Party for the 12 residents of Happy Acres Residential Care Facility.

Mary Barbara Fitzgerald and *Laura Palazzolo* put this event together. MB spent time with each individual resident to ensure their list to Santa was complete.

Tim & Becky Elliott provided transportation for the some of the residents.

Our very own Santa (a.k.a. *Marty Busch*) paid a visit and distributed Christmas gifts to all the residents.

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Mike Baetz came up with the activity to make a Christmas snow globe. He got together all the materials to make the globes. As a kindergarten teacher, *Geni Westling* took charge of the project, using her professional skills to assist Mike.

While the snow globes were drying, everyone participated in the singing of Christmas carols. Ken on guitar and Brittany on clarinet (residents of Happy Acres) provided the music for our sing along. At the close of the music, Ken, who is blind, surprised us by playing and singing a Jimmy Buffett song he learned for us.

It was safe to say, everyone in attendance enjoyed his performance of "Son of a Sailor".

In addition to Santa and previously

mentioned Route 66 PHC elves other Santa Helpers included *Brenda Dace, Donnie Kerksieck, George & Jane Reed, Mona & Tim Davis, Pam & Rich Ray, Sandee Adams and Steve Reiner.*

From our Holiday Party this year, we raised enough money this year to provide pizzas, ice cream and supplies to make the snow globes for the party.

The residents are so very appreciative for everything we have done for them. This year, they made Christmas Cards for the club.

For those that have not had an opportunity to attend, it is a very rewarding experience. Our hope is to also sponsor a picnic or something like that for the residents in the spring.



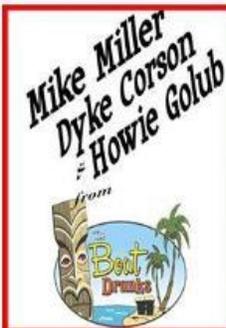
HAPPY ACRES RESIDENTIAL CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Clinton County Parrothead Club's 10th Annual Spring Phling at Bretz Wildlife Lodge & Winery benefiting Community Link

Sat. Feb 18th

Saturday only \$30 per person....includes draft Bud Light and Fried Chicken



This Champaign, IL based trio form the Boat Drunks will be making their first ever Spring Phling appearance.

The Boat Drunks have opened for legends like Jimmy Buffett and The Beach Boys.

Get both
nights for
\$45.00



Jimmy and the Parrots
2012 and 2014 Trop Rock Entertainer of the Year.
5-Time Headliner at Meeting of The Minds and NY Giants Band.

Crawdaddy
Tennessee's amazing Trop Rockin' Blues Man and harmonica legend.

Playing from 615p-815p

Headlining from 830p-1230a

Fri. Feb 17th

Friday only \$20 per person....includes draft Bud Light



Thom Shepherd
Coley McCabe
Husband and wife duo of singer-songwriters will be opening the night with hits like "Redneck Yacht Club", "Pier Pressure" and "Private Malone".



The **PHINS** return to Clinton County after playing in the first Spring Phling in 2007. This former STL based Trop Rock band is led by Paul Roush along with his crew of musicians.
The Phins have been the headliner in many gigs across the nation and have several CDs.

Playing from 615p-815p

Headlining from 815p-1200a

Thurs. Feb 16th



Jimmy, Crawdaddy, Flipper, and Mark Sacco perform at the Gridiron Grill in Breese



Social starts at 6pm
Music from 8p-12a

For information contact Todd Peppenhorst at 618-792-6586 or toddpcparrot@gmail.com

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Find out more at: WWW.panamacityphc.org

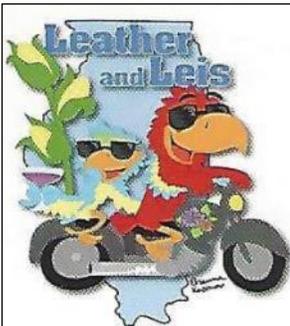
Our charity: girls time.

4 days of Trop Rock Music on the World's Most Beautiful Beach in Panama City, FL

Growing Older But Not **UP!**

SAVE THE DATE

Route 66 Parrot Head Club
 Annual Crawfish & Shrimp Boil
JUNE 24, 2017



Leather and Leis River Run 2017

Saturday July 8, 2017
 10 AM - 8 PM

Motorcycle - Boat
 Automobile - Bus

\$20 advance / \$25 day of (dinner included)
ciphc.org or 309-323-0017

- Kuchie's on the Water (10 -11:30am)
 - No Wake Zone
 - Bananas
 - Lacon Legion
 - East Peoria Boat Club (5-8pm)
- Music and dinner

Benefitting  **ILLINOIS CANCERCARE**
 foundation



Registration for the 26th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2017 is Open!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR PARROT HEADS!!

Hello Everyone! Happy Holidays! It is time to let you know that Meeting of the Minds 2017 registration is open! The Casa Marina is also now ready to take your reservation for Meeting of the Minds 2017!! But hurry on the reservations as the hotel sold out in three weeks last year!

2017 MEETING OF THE MINDS REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 27th!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 26th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS 2017 OPENED AT 12:00 NOON EST on DECEMBER 27, 2016!! Here is the link: <https://www.php.com/meeting>. Choose the "REGISTRATION" button IN THE LOWER LEFT of the link above AND YOU ARE ON THE WAY TO REGISTERING! If you have ANY QUESTIONS about Meeting of the Minds registration questions are generally answered at this FAQ link: <https://www.php.com/meeting-faq>.

I want to take a moment to tell you that you will have opportunities to register for volunteer activities when you register. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE GIFT BAG STUFFING EVENT please register early as that event is sold out when we reach 125 people. This will fill VERY QUICKLY. Do not delay if you want to participate as there are NO EXCEPTIONS after we reach the limit. That same rule applies to all the other volunteer positions but they tend to fill up more slowly than the gift bag party...

ROUTE 66 PARROT HEAD CLUB

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We are an inclusive social club whose purpose is to bring together like-minded folks infused with the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett as well as his kick-back lifestyle, music and writings. We desire to leave things a little better than we found them while having a BLAST doing it. We like to party with a purpose as we perform community service projects and donate to charities.

ROUTE 66 PHC BOARD MEMBERS



Donnie Kerksieck
President



Laura Palazzolo
Vice-President
Social Director



Pam Ray
Secretary
PR/Membership Director
Newsletter Editor



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