



St. Somewhere Times

September–October 2017

MESSAGE FROM OUR PREZ

Hello Friends,

The Parrot Heads inspires you to become more actively involved in your community. There is a sense of fulfillment and respect for others that you gain through the experience of lending a helping hand; it gives you the needed push to continue such activities.

handing out with friends at Happy Acres, let's not forget helping the organizations that help our four legged friends, whether it's volunteering your time, or contributing at one of our fundraisers. If you haven't found your passion to give or volunteer to a cause, reach inside yourself and find what motivates you.

sense of pride and responsibility. Volunteering has a beneficial impact on everyone involved, so get out there and do something!

"There is no harm in repeating a good thing"

Plato

Sincerely,

Donnie Kerksieck

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I have been a member of the this great club for five years, and the personal experiences I have had helping children, women in need, or the excitement you witness when

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By volunteering your time, you can help the less fortunate have a chance at a better future. You will create lasting memories and gain a



ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Randall Schwandner	9/3	Allison Chepely	10/1
Randy Laskowitz	9/6	Brenda Jones	10/4
Brandi Shufeldt	9/7	Larry Miller	10/17
Brian Guittar	9/15	Mike Baetz	10/21
Marion Laskowitz	9/17	Nancy Pier	10/24
Sandee Adams	9/17	Roderick Krueger	10/29
Shirley Cox	9/17		
Mary Heap	9/27		
Connie Frahm	9/28		
Brad Jones	9/29		
Dave Laurent	9/30		



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 9/16/17 [Winery Bus Trip](#)
- 9/23/17 [NOTE: Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting/ Chili Cook off at Tim & Becky Elliotts](#)
- 9/23/17 Donny Brewer at the Port of Indecision

OCTOBER

- 10/12/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
- 10/14/17 Clinton County PHC Birthday Party/Bus Trip
- 10/15/17 Pup Morse House Concert on Ray's Happy Island
- 10/21/17 CubaFest

NOVEMBER

- 11/1-5/17 Meeting of the Minds
- 11/9/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
- 11/18/17 [Christmas Party](#)
- 11/25/17 Clinton County PHC Christmas Party & Parade

DECEMBER

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



ITEMS IN BLUE ARE ROUTE 66 PHC CLUB EVENTS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARROT HEADS— SANDY AND MIKE FUCHS

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 lives to get to know them just a little better.

This installment will be with the Mike and Sandy Fuchs.

Mike has the honor of being named 2015 Parrot Head of the Year!

Hometown:

Sullivan, Missouri

Occupation:

Mike is a Carpenter Superintendent and Sandy is an Administrative Assistant for the Sullivan Middle School. She is also a member of the Sierre Mist Dancers.

Birth/Grow up town/School:

Both Mike & Sandy grew up and still reside in Sullivan, Missouri.

Children:

4 children, 3 boys, Brent, Matt, Blake and 1 daughter Sierra, who is a member of Route 66 Parrot Head Club

Pets:

2 furry friends, a Dachshund named Snoopy and a Yorkie named Sophie

How long Have you been in Route 66 PHC?

3 Years

How did you get involved in the Route 66 PHC?

Through their brother and sister in law, Mark & Colleen Fuchs, according to Sandy “Colleen would drag me to the events” where at first she thought possibly the participants were a little “too friendly” but soon realized it was genuine albeit some of the friendly feelings might have been alcohol induced.

Has your opinion of Parrotheads changed once you became a parrothead?

Friendly people and with every answer from these interviews, impressed with the charitable side

Favorite Music Genre:

Mike: 70’s-80’s Rock & Country
Sandy: 70’s Rock

Favorite Buffet Song:

Both Mike & Sandy say Pirate Looks at 40 is the Buffet song of choice

1st Concert:

Mike & Sandy both went to their first concert together to hear Alabama

Last concert (major venue):

Jimmy Buffet at Hollywood Casino Amphitheater, St. Louis

What’s your relaxation-hobby:

Mike: Watching sports
Sandy: Gardening and reading books

How you met significant other?

Mike’s family owned a restaurant in Sullivan, Sandy went to work there and they’ve been together ever since. This is a true love story as Sandy told me Mike is the only boyfriend she ever had and she was Mike’s first girlfriend.

Where was your first date with significant other?

Carnival at Sullivan Park

What are you driving?

Mike: Dodge Ram pickup
Sandy: Jeep Renegade

One interesting thing nobody knows about you:

Mike: Had a tryout for the Cincinnati Reds Major League baseball team
Sandy: Upon late release of a bowling ball at Sullivan Bowl, the ball went through the ceiling!



MUSICIAN'S SPOTLIGHT DONNY BREWER

The future of trop rock music looks and sounds like Donny Brewer. Donny is a highly creative Austin, Texas native who has recently made a name for himself in the trop rock world. He has a personality as big as Texas, but is humble and approachable. He and his wife Michelle sold their home, bought a Winnebago, and stepped out on faith that he could succeed through his music. Now a TROP ROCK

MUSIC ASSOCIATION award winner, there's no doubt he is succeeding! If you miss a chance to see his live show, you'll miss out on a fun, rockin' evening of music from an extremely energetic and talented writer, musician and entertainer!

educated by a different professor — the road.

He honed his skills as a guitarist, bassist, and keyboardist in front of screaming fans of...well... whoever the act he was opening for. It was a tough road but you get a lot of time

off, so the Texas beaches became his second home. He spent years being content as somebody else's

sideman, and only a closet songwriter — that is until he met a girl.

She soon became his wife and he left the road to become a family man, running Cowpatty Studios and working with several local bands as a hired gun. Not a stable job, but having time to spend raising kids has made him a different man. Songwriting quickly became the pastime of choice. The result is years of collecting material — everything from

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Donny Brewer is a Parrot Head, sure, Rasta fan, yeah, but the Texas born and bred multi-instrumentalist is more than that. In fact he started in his teens playing big-hair rock in bars he wasn't even old enough to be in.

Later, in college, he found he could make more money playing country in Texas dance halls. Eventually he got fired from his job and gave up his art education to to tour with country acts. There he was



MUSICIAN’S SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

raw country to rock and blues to islandy tunes. And what about those islandy tunes? All the other material had been shopped around with various bands with little success but not the islandy stuff.

With a small nudge (otherwise known as a giant shove) from his wife (now of 21 years), he finally dusted off that notebook, wrote some newly inspired tracks, and compiled them into two albums. And in this new age, you don’t need a record deal budget to share your music with the world. All you need is a computer, a couple guitars, and a good mic. Of course it helps to have 30 years experience as a musician, songwriter, and engineer!

The one thing he discovered through recording these Trop Rock albums was this:

“This is who I’ve been all along. Writing and recording island, trop rock, or whatever you wanna call it is natural for

me. It’s easy. With other music, I always feel like I could’ve written it better, or done a better production or sang it better. I’m never quite happy with it, ya know. With this music it’s like gravy. I hardly ever do a second vocal take. And it’s like there’s no rules. If I wanna throw in a goofy percussion part or change styles I can do that. It’s my

music. It makes me happy. It makes me feel good. And hopefully it’ll do that for other folks too. That would just be the icing on the...or the...lime on the margarita, or something!”

Now with the kids off to college, it’s time to sell that big house, get an RV and head out where the Trop Rock people are: where else?



WINNEBAGO TOUR



LUAU ON THE RIVER BENEFIT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Route 66 Parrot Head Club hosted a Luau on the River fundraiser to benefit the Franklin County Humane Society of Union, MO. Last year the club hosted several fundraisers for charities. Tim & Mona Davis hosted the event in St. Clair on their private property which runs along the Meramec River.

The goal for this fundraiser for FCHS was to raise \$7,000.

We raised well over \$8,000, with a \$3,000 grant from American Family Insurance. Tim has an American Family agency in Ballwin and was able to secure the funds.

The event was held on July 8 from 1pm-10pm. For a \$20 donation, guests enjoyed a swimming area, including a version of a lazy river tube float. Dana's Shaved Ice served over 120

snow cone treats. Pappy's BBO in St. Louis donated dinner. In addition, a silent auction contributed to some of the funds raised. The Cast Iron Dog Band played in the afternoon. The Pop Rocks Funk Band finished up the evening. The grand finale was a spectacular fireworks show put on by Tim and his daughter Carli Davis.



LUAU ON THE RIVER PICS



ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS PRESENT CHECK TO RUSSELL HOUSE



On August 10, 2017, 20 members of the Route 66 Parrot Head Club presented a check in the amount of \$1,100 to Randi Turntine, Development & Volunteer Coordinator for Russell House - PCFCS.

The monies were raised on June 24th at the Route 66 Parrot Head Club's Crawfish and Shrimp Boil.

In addition to the monies raised, over \$3,600 in goods were donated.

The Russell House is a non-profit organization that provides services to victims of family violence and their children. They support the principle that all individuals have a right to a life free of abuse and sexual assault. They seek to break the cycle of violence through increasing public awareness of the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault, acting as advocates for victims, coordinating existing resources for the benefit of survivors and providing safe environment for survivors. Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. is the umbrella organization for Russell House. They strives to develop and maintain a confidential and supportive network that provides shelter, counseling and care for victims of domestic and sexual violence while educating the communities about prevention and the needs of victims and their families.

ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS PHLOCKING - THE PHIN ADDICTS AT BELMONT WINERY



On August 4, 2017, 23 Route 66 Parrot Heads descended on Belmont Winery in Leasburg. It was safe to say, a good time was had by all.

The Phin Addicts will be providing the entertainment for our Holiday Party in November.

The group was formerly known as the Cruise Control Band. They have performed for Parrot Heads across the continent and even internationally in Costa Rica and The Dominican Republic.

ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS CHILI COOKOFF

Get out your best chili recipe for the upcoming Route 66 PHC Chili Cookoff. (see details in this newsletter)

Will Sandy Fuchs be unseated as the reigning Queen of Chili? Inquiring minds want to know.

Who will come home with the coveted trophy?

Good Luck!



2nd Annual Route 66 Parrothead Charity Chili Cookoff

Sep. 23, 2017 • 1pm until
219 Hart Dr., St, Clair MO



Hosted by Tim & Becky Elliott



Winner of cookoff donates proceeds to local charity of choice.

Here's how you can help

Need some cooks to show off their best Chili for a great cause

\$10.⁰⁰ Donation (minimum)

Brats • Hot Dog • Burgers • Great Chili

Live Music by "Dirt Floor Ramblers"

Bon Fire at night • BYOB • Bring your Chair

Contact: Tim 314-705-9118 • email: telliott71t@gmail.com

Directions

HWY 44 to Stanton Exit
Go N Service Road 2-1/2 miles left on Whispering Pines

(We will post Route 66 Charity Event signs to guide you to Tim & Becky's)
Parrothead friends and family welcome monthly meeting after cookoff.

RSVP



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...

RUSSELL HOUSE



Masquerade Ball

SPONSORED BY THE ROLLA AREA EDWARD JONES TEAMS

OCTOBER 7TH, 2017

Please join us for the Masquerade Ball to benefit Russell House on October 7th, 2017. This event is proudly sponsored by the Rolla area Edward Jones teams.

Hors D'oeuvres will be served as doors open at 6pm, with dinner and dancing at 7pm. Music will be provided by Syner-Gee.

A silent auction featuring local art work and items donated by local businesses will run throughout the evening.

Tickets are available for \$65 a person, and corporate table sponsorship available for \$550.

For more information or to donate to the silent auction, please contact Randi at (573)364-0579 or email rturntine@pcfcs.org.

The Boat Drinkin' Cruise

3rd Annual Parrot Head Cruise

Featuring the... **Trop Rock Junkies**

April 14-20 2018

6 Days Departing Miami aboard the Norwegian Escape for...

Nassau	Ocho Rios	Georgetown
Bahamas	Jamaica	Grand Cayman

Fup MORSE
The Scuba Cowboy

Where Island Meets Country

WILL BE LANDING ON

Ray's
HAPPY ISLAND

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15
1-5PM

481 Del Ridge Drive
Sullivan, MO 63080

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.

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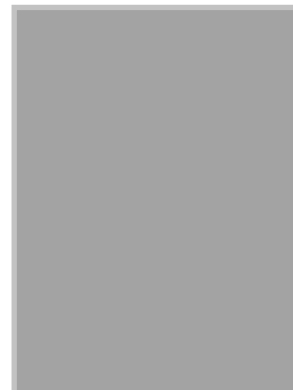
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