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Parrot Head Hurricane Relief

Certain events make you step back and think about life – what’s important, and what’s not. The recent destruction in our Southern States has been one of those times for many people. Many of you may subscribe to mailing lists and bulletin boards that connect Parrot Heads from across the world, and if you do, you’ve seen that the events of the past month have resulted in an outpouring of empathy, support and love across the Parrot Head Nation. At times like this it’s evident that the ties that bind us go beyond a love of tropical music, funny hats and wild flowered shirts. Deeper, we’re bound by a desire to do good, to help, and to leave this world a better place than we found it. (And of course if we can do that while listening to tropical music and wearing funny hats and wild flowered shirts, more the better!)

Our National organization, Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHIP) along with the Paradise Charitable Foundation (PCF) have set up a fund to specifically assist those members of our Parrot Head “phamily” who have lost it all in the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

All contributions to the Parrot Heads In Need (PHIN) fund will be used to assist members of chartered Parrot Head Clubs. If you are interested in donating,, send a check payable to Paradise Charitable Foundation, make the memo field “PHIN Fund” and mail a check to: PHIN FUND c/o Paradise Charitable Foundation, 828 Wackerman Ct., Westerville, OH 43081. Donations can also be made through Paypal at <http://www.paradisefoundation.org/phinfund.cfm>.



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Independence Day Extravaganza!!

What a Weekend!! Our 7th Annual Independence Day Extravaganza was our best one yet!!

Parrot Heads from across the country descended on the Washington Area and hit Old Town Alexandria in full force during our Saturday evening pub crawl. Resplendent in

patriotic blinking flags and other tropical parrot head gear, we made quite an impression on Old Town Visitors and bartenders. Even pub owner Pat Troy who was sporting a blinkie flag of his own when we left his establishment.

And that was just our warm-up! What a view! High on the DC Rooftop of 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, we partied to the sounds of The John Frinzi Band & Jim Morris & The Big Bamboo Band during Sunday’s First Annual Party on the Nation’s Patio.

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Do You Know...Janice & Don Easley?

How well do you REALLY know your Parrot Head Phriends? Every issue Island Chatter will profile one or two of the flock.

Janice Wolfe-Easley

Oakton HS, Vienna ... itinerant adapted PE teacher for 28 years...lives in Springfield with husband and fellow club member Don Easley ... married on the beach at Nags Head; met in 1989, married in 1999 ... friends set them up to meet at a bar...was a clown in another life entertaining children of inmates at Lorton ... diehard Redskins fan, can listen to a game on the radio and visualize exactly what is going on ... began as a Beatles fan ... why a parrot head? love Buffet music, island life but very interested in the charity background of the club...with Don, bought land in Florida on e-bay...favorite book? "Tuesdays w/ Morrie" by Mitch Albom; favorite movie? "Patch Adams" ...likes antiques, flea markets, scrapbooking, going to the gym, charity work, gardening, sports, balloon sculptures, HGTV-decorating...craziest things you've done? Married Don and a

sailing trip to the British Virgin Islands with six girlfriends and a female captain... B.S. from Longwood College and Master's in Education from George Washington University.

Don Easley

Marine Corps brat...born at Bethesda Naval Hospital...Garfield HS, Woodbridge...met Janice playing against each other in volleyball playoffs - couldn't stop staring at each other... why a parrot head? where else could you go and wear a coconut bra, a grass skirt, drink wild fruity drinks and

be just as normal as the next guy...restoring 1969 mustang fastback ... loves to read fantasy and horror; authors R.A. Salvador, Robert Howard and HP Lovecraft ... favorite CD/song? Hal Ketchum "Past the Point of Rescue" ... favorite movies: "African Queen" and "The 5th Element"... always wanted a career as an artist...electrical contractor...loves volleyball doubles on the beach...went skinny dippin' in piranha-infested back

waters of the Mayan River Delta in Mexico... would like to learn to fly...started electrical contracting business .. What people say about you out of earshot: "boy, he sure has a cute butt!"



Janice & Don Easley

Potomac Watershed Cleanup

Neither the torrential downpours or rising waters put the damper on our dedication as roughly a dozen of our members braved the elements to contribute to the April 2nd Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

Through rain and rising waters we rid the area around Potomac Landing of 38 bags of trash in about an hour and a half's time, including an airplane tire that drew the attention of the DC Examiner and resulted in our group being featured in a picture with the article.

Over the month of April a record 186 tons of garbage were collected from



Nice and dry before the clean up

the banks of the Potomac.

It was dicey at times, as the group on the flatlands realized that the rising water was quickly cutting off their access to dry land. However, being able to immediately see the positive results of our efforts made it all worthwhile.

Independence Day Extravaganza cont.

Party goers took pictures after picture of the view overlooking downtown Washington. It was truly an experience not to be missed!

Those that did some sightseeing on their way to the party stated that the music could be heard clearly all the way to the White House — the Parrot Heads surely left their mark on DC that night!

For those staying at the Sheraton Suites, the party continued well into the wee hours of Monday morning. John Frinzi and his bandmates were having so much fun that they gave an impromptu acoustic performance on the hotel's back patio late that night (until shut down by the hotel).

A short nap later, and on to the 4th! The John Frinzi Band again delighted the crowd on the back patio of the Hilton during our all day warm-up to our evening cruise.

WHAT A CRUISE! There's a reason we sell out every year and the waiting list is hundreds of people long! They just keep getting better and better! Jim Morris? Randy Ashcraft? Jim Morris? I can't decide which level was having more fun, both bands were truly phenomenal! Fortified with rum punch, beer, mango-rita's, and sangria wine the crowds danced and sang with seemingly unending energy.

Who can watch the sparkle of exploding fireworks against the background of our Nation's Capital without a feeling of awe? This is a uniquely "DC" experience, something everyone should try.

And then the bands played on! Those that stayed on the upper deck with Randy Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys after the boat docked were treated with a goose bump inspiring acapella rendition of The Star Spangled Banner as our Seventh Annual Tropical Patriot Cruise came to an end. Amazing!

The party continued back at the hotel until the early hours of Tuesday morning, as we held on to the last moments of the weekend for as long as we could, not wanting the party to end. Many a bleary eyed Parrot Head crawled into work on Tuesday, although the "I can't believe it" award goes to Johnny O from Long Island who had to drive back to New York after the cruise in time to open up his school for summer...at 5 AM!

We'd like to thank again those that worked for months on the planning of the events, our many event day volunteers, the bands, the venues, and our many, many Parrot Head friends who helped make this event such a rousing success! We're soon to present the Chesapeake Bay Foundation with a \$3500 donation from the event!.



What a view! View from the rooftop party.



Waiting to board the Cherry Blossom



A picture is worth 1000 words.



Hotel Afterparty—your friendly cocktail waiter Paul Peovy

CD Review

By WAPHC Member Glenn Richcreek

Jim Morris: "Pretend You're In Tahiti" - 2005

One of the advantages (drawbacks?) of being married to a co-chair of the Communications Committee is being asked to write for the newsletter. In this case, it is a review of Jim Morris' new CD "Pretend You're In Tahiti."

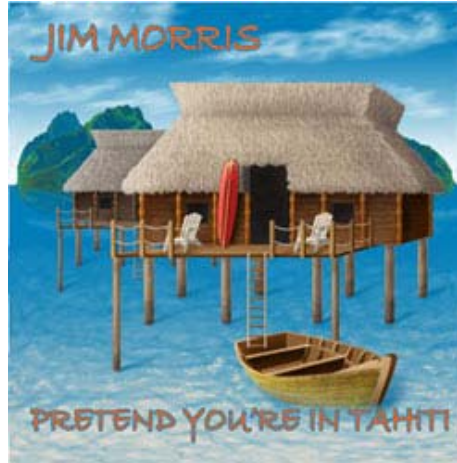
I'll start out by saying it is not my favorite Jim Morris CD; the "live" ones are, mainly due to my having heard JM + the BBB live before hearing any recorded material. The live CDs always bring up memories of fun, music, and liver abuse. Anyway, here goes.

"Mary Jane Goes To Key West" is destined to become a live show staple (nuff said). The title track is good advice, and "Booze Is The Duct Tape

Of Life" is so true!! "Cosmic Magician" could start a new religion, and "L.A. Freeway" is his best cover yet.

"A Lot Going On In His Head" makes you think, possibly too much. "I Don't Want To Go Home" is a nice, well-thought-out ballad. Another cover, "Divers Do It Deeper," goes well with, or could be the alternative to, "Mike The Muff Diver." "12:15 A.M. on New Year's Day" is a song all can relate to, and "Three Days At Marilyn's" will make

those over 40 do some serious reminiscing.



"I Am Woe" is another one of those JM songs that will always get a laugh. Some (many?) may disagree, but I quite accidentally discovered that all of Jim's studio (non-live) CDs seem to sound better played on "shuffle mode," and this one is no exception.

Memo to Jim: After playing three of our 4th of July cruises, isn't a song about that way overdue?

Maryland State Chili Cook-off

The club was honored to be asked by Hard Time's Café to work with them in co-sponsoring this year's Maryland State ICS Chili Cookoff.

Over 30 chili and salsa cooks participated in this year's challenge, with members of the WAPHC helping to serve as judges.

Our members served as judges for the Salsa Competition, ICS Green Chili & ICS Red Chili (the preliminary round). Those that judged can certainly attest — it was harder than it looked!

WAPHC Favorite Smalltown entertained the crowd with old favorites and new tracks from their recently released "Smalltown" CD.

Arrow 94.7 was on hand to help promote the event and gave away a pair of Buffett tickets.

While the club didn't "officially" enter a booth, several of our own did participate in the competition with Donna Kulisch coming in 3rd in the salsa competition, Bruce Baker taking 2nd in the Chili Verde category, and Beverly King taking 5th in the ICS red category.

This event raised \$249 for the Alzheimer's Association, and while not the fundraising success we had hoped for, gives us a base to build on to make next year's event even better!



Parrot Head Chili Booth

Number 100 For Kenny Jenkins!!!

An Interview

Q: How many times will you have seen a Buffett concert at the time of this summer's show at Nissan?

A: This summer's Nissan show will be #100 for me, but I don't really attend that many anymore. If I travel for a show it's only to a city that I want to visit anyway ... like Las Vegas, Boston, Chicago, etc.

Q: When and where did you see Buffett for the first time?

A: Merriweather Post Pavilion, 1990

Q: Did you ever meet Buffett at one of those concerts?

A: I briefly met Jimmy after he showed

up and played at a Mac McNally show in Atlanta in 1999. Just a quick "Hi" and



a handshake.

Q: Favorite place you saw Buffett?

A: Anywhere that's warm, outdoors and doesn't restrict tailgating.

Q: Favorite Buffett tour?

A: After 15 years, it's hard to tell them all apart.

Q: Where is the one place you would like to see Buffett perform?

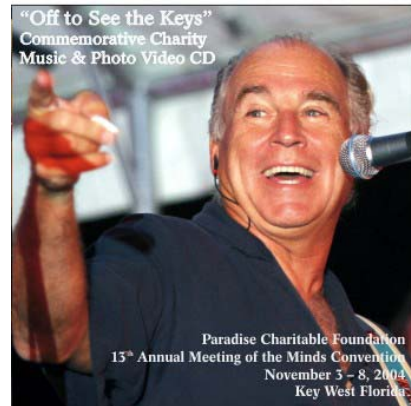
A: Well, I saw him perform in Margaritaville in Key West on my birthday, and I was right up front having a few drinks with Jimmy, who was rather inebriated himself. It doesn't get much better than that, but I suppose a tiki bar on some tropical island.

MOTM 2004 VCD

Loaded with more than 400 pictures and nine songs recorded LIVE at Meeting of the Minds 2004, this VCD can be purchased by logging on to <http://www.phip.com/store> and clicking VCD/CD/DVD. Photos include Jimmy Buffett's surprise appearance at the Casa Marina and many more shots, including some sent in from and including members of the WAPHC.

(*). This is a VCD, not a DVD, but does play in 90% of the DVD players on the market today. It will also play on your computer for your viewing and listening pleasure. There are even a few words from Jimmy Buffett on it.

If you prefer to pay by check, send a \$19 check (\$15 per VCD and \$4 shipping) to: Alex Leist, president, PHIP Inc., 505 Red School Lane, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865



Do You Have an Idea for the Next Island Chatter?

If you'd like to be profiled in the newsletter, have suggestions, or want to include your own materials or photos, please contact Joanne Richcreek at jrich9417@aol.com or Libby Barker at blond_stranger@msn.com.

DC Chili Cook-off

Our theme this year was “The Spicy Island Life”, and our booth was a sight to behold!

Stretching over 50 feet, we had palm trees and parrots, woodies , sharks and surf boards! We even had a sea plane high overhead.

It was a beautiful Spring afternoon and the crowds came in droves. Our fundraising efforts were a huge success, netting us over \$1500 for the National Kidney Foundation as the crowds clamored for our chili samples, chili dogs, jalapeno brownies, a turn at the Bimini game, and of course, our leis. Late in the day, we even got a \$20 donation for a blow-up monkey!

Thanks to everyone who donated throw-down chili — we again had chili samples to give out long after many of the other booths had run out.

Cooking for the WAPHC were: Bruce Baker, Matt Fisher, Rock Kulisch, Dave Olankowski & Bob Weschler.

It was a day of WAPHC success as we took home multiple awards. Over 30 members came out to help our overall team take First Prize in the People’s Choice (most money raised) category, and

Second Place in Showmanship.

First time chili cook Matt Fisher won the “Rookie Cook” award and also placed 4th in the ICS Competition and Bruce Baker took home 5th place.



Spicy Island Life Display



Bruce enjoys his victory cigar



Bob & Dave share chili making secrets

Party with a Purpose

Twice a year each club submits a report detailing their charitable contributions for that half in terms of dollars raised and manhours worked. Our report for the first half of 2005 was submitted at the end of June,

During that period, the WAPHC donated a total of 696 manhours, and \$2168 to causes such as the Potomac Watershed Cleanup, The National

Kidney Foundation (DC Chili Cook-off), The Alzheimer’s Association (MD State Chili Cook-off), the American Red Cross (Waterfront Festival), the Bassett Rescue of the Old Dominion (Bassett Ramble), and the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

In the second half of the year will our charitable contributions will include at

minimum our July 4th weekend events, the Redskins raffle proceeds, the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, the Marine Corp Marathon & our New Year’s Eve festivities.

It was a Pleasure and a Hell of an Evening!

June 16, 2005 dawned bright and beautiful, and the terrible humidity that had been plaguing us for days finally broke...just in time for Mr. Buffett's annual trip to Nissan Pavilion!

We met on Wellington Road and caravanned en masse to Nissan's parking lot to waste away again during our quest for the lost shaker of salt.

With pop up tents, grills & blenders we set up camp for a day of eating, drinking, and celebrating this annual rite of Parrot Head-ism.

Arrow 94.7 joined our tailgate this year and the sounds of tropical music could be heard across the parking lot courtesy of their huge sound system.

For WAPHC Member Kenny Jenkins (see related interview) this was his 100th show.



Party Central—our tailgate

Some came early and stayed late, and some could only come for the show, but over 70 WAPHC members filed into the venue to sing, dance, and be transported to that mystical place only Jimmy can take us to...Margaritaville.

Fueled by the music (and the margaritas) we headed back into the parking lot after the show, fired up the grills again and continued the party into the wee hours of the morning while we waited for the parking lot to clear.



Grill Master Rock



A White Sport Coat & a Pink Crustacean



I dream of...Gene(ie)?

2004 State of the Phlock Report

Bob Heffelfinger, Director of Membership, Parrot Heads in Paradise Inc. (www.phip.com)

PHiP (Parrot Heads in Paradise) celebrated 15th anniversary

PHiP stands at 205 chapters in seven countries, 45 states and one U.S. Territory.

Total membership increased 22 percent, with a total of 23,671 Parrot Heads within the ranks

In 2004, Parrot Head Clubs collectively raised and/or donated to charitable organizations a staggering \$2,202,957

Chapters worldwide donated more than 404,690 manhours to philanthropic and environmental activities

Collected or donated: tons of canned goods for local food banks across the country; hundreds of thousands of pop tops for Ronald McDonald Houses; thousands of new toys to Toys For Tots; thousands of critical items for local animal shelters; hundreds of gallons of blood and plasma; hundreds of care packages for soldiers in Iraq



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Our Mission

The Washington Area Parrot Head Club was created to promote friendships and organize social activities for people with similar interests, including enjoyment of the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett's music. In the process of making new friends and having fun, we believe in leaving something positive behind. We are a non-profit organization which provides a variety of volunteer efforts in the local, regional and national community for social and environmental causes. Our club is open to anyone with the tropical spirit and desire to contribute to the betterment of our community.