

## Activity Highlights

June 1	QCPH night at Swing Game	June 20	Business Meeting
June 9	Race for the Cure	June 23	Boat Drunks at Toucan's
June 14	Boat Drunks at Sturgis	June 27	Social at Stern's Beverage
June 16	Linconland Island Fever Party	June 30	QCPH Golf Outing

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of the Quad Cities' Parrot Head Club's newsletter! This newsletter serves several purposes: 1. Keep the club membership informed of activities and business, 2. Generate more participation in club activities and business by its membership, and 3. Generate more interest in the club. The plan is to distribute the newsletter via email on (or about!) the first of the month, and the 15th of the month. Content is wide open, and we would appreciate input from our members. For more timely and detailed communications, we encourage you to join the Yahoo email group by going to:

<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/QCPH>

## What is the QCPHC?

In case anyone reading this does not know, the Quad Cities' Parrot Head Club was sanctioned in December 2003 as one of over 200 world wide "Parrot Heads in Paradise" member clubs, with a total membership of over 25,000 dedicated fun-loving Parrot Heads. We are a collection of people of all ages and backgrounds who embrace the music of Jimmy Buffett and the lifestyle he writes about. We also believe in leaving things just a little better than we found them, and having a BLAST while doing it ... something we like to call "partying with a purpose!" To this end, we raise money (\$33,000 this past February) and distribute it among local charities.

## Charity News

Since raising money for charities is what we are all about, let's start with some charity news. At the May business meeting, it was announced that we needed a new Charity Chairman. Fortunately, **Mary Kay Buckrop** stepped up and volunteered. Thanks Mary Kay! The members present also whittled down a list of charities to a handful, and agreed to donate to three on the spot: **\$500** to the **American Cancer Society** on behalf of **Tom Verdon**. Tom creates chainsaw art and is responsible for those large carvings that make the bidders go wild at our **Havana Daydreamin'** event. He has created a sculpture for the ACS to be auctioned off at the Relay for Life event on June 22 and we are one of his "sponsors". Also donated was **\$1,000** to the **Rock Island County Animal Welfare Center** (not supported by county funds) and **\$1,000** to the **Riverdale Pre-School**, to be used for playground equipment for special needs children (also not supported by school funding). Creating and narrowing down the list of charities for possible donation is a difficult task. We would really love to have a committee that would help with this process. If anyone is interested, please contact Mary Kay at [mkbuckrop@yahoo.com](mailto:mkbuckrop@yahoo.com).

## Business Meeting Highlights

The May business meeting was held on the 23rd and was attended by 15 members. The bulk of

the meeting was a discussion of the list of potential charities, narrowing them down, and selecting which ones to gather more information on.

**Marc Nessler** purchased a guitar signed by **Jimmy Buffett** and a **Margaritaville** slot machine from eBay for use as auction items during the next Havana Daydreamin event. He was reimbursed for the guitar, but is still waffling on the slot machine!

## June Activities

The summer weather has arrived and things are getting busy! As always, for more detail on these activities, please see the website at [www.qcph.com](http://www.qcph.com). On June 1st at 7:00 p.m. we have QCPHC night at the Swing game—\$6 box seats. We were told there is a costume contest, so arrive in your concert attire! **Ed Neelson** ([enealson@yahoo.com](mailto:enealson@yahoo.com)) is leading a QCPH team that is walking the Race for the Cure on June 9. Please signup and contact Ed if you would like to participate with the group. Rumor has it that the **Boat Drunks**, the Midwest's premier Jimmy Buffett tribute band, will be playing for Sturgis on the River in Davenport on June 14 at 9:30. On June 16, the **Parrot Heads in Linconland** will have their **Island Fever Party** in Springfield, IL. This is a smaller club and they can certainly use our support. They have also booked the **Boat Drunks** for their event so let's help them pack the place! The June business meeting will be on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. at

**Putter's Pub and Grill** in Rock Island. All members are welcome and encouraged to show up and participate! The **Boat Drunks** are back in town on June 23 at Toucan's in Milan at 8:00 p.m. The **June Social** is at Stern Beverage in Milan, on the 27th at 6:00 p.m. This social is traditionally a potluck, so bring something to share! The monthly socials (last Wednesday of each month) are a great way to meet other members and find out more about what's going on. June 30 finds the golfers in the club at **Indian Bluff Golf Course** for the second annual **QCPH Golf Outing** at 10:00 a.m. More golfers are needed. Both members and their guests are welcome! **Karla Buckrop** ([karlabuckrop@yahoo.com](mailto:karlabuckrop@yahoo.com)) can be contacted for more information.

### Social Highlights

The May social was held a mere two days ago at Toucan's. We had 69 members attend. It was a nice night outside in the Milan-style tropical setting. There were some new members who attended for the first time and we welcome them and hope they had a great time. In addition to having fun, \$100 was raised for charity, in true Parrot Head style!

### A Look Ahead

The QCPHC has been kicking around the idea of participating in the East Moline July 4th parade. It would be nice to do a warm weather one for a change, and it will keep the skills of the float team sharp! What new item will they create?! The club will also be manning a beverage cart at Ya Maka My Weekend, and has been asked about providing help again for the John Deere Classic. Volunteers will be needed for all these events and details will follow. We will do our best to keep everyone informed on these and all other opportunities!

### More Information

As we continually stress, please see the official QCPHC web site for even more information. It can be found at [www.qcph.com](http://www.qcph.com). Also, the generic club email for any questions is [info@qcph.com](mailto:info@qcph.com). We encourage all members to be part of your club.



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