



Parrot Press

METRO (NY, NJ, CT) Parrot Head Club Newsletter

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That's My Window On The World "Time To Give Thanks"

November is the month to be thankful for something or somebody. I do believe that is why we will gather together on November, 23rd, Thanksgiving Day! Well, this Thanksgiving I am very thankful to the following people for helping me throughout the days, months and years as the leader of the **METRO PHC**:

Jim & Ellen Hill who continue filling the position as our NJ Area Coordinators. A special thanks to Ellen for her solo beach clean up.

Carol & Dave Pohorylo our CT Area Coordinators who once again did an outstanding job raising \$10,000.00 for St. Vincent's "Swim Across the Sound" with entertainment by "**Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band**".

Terri Amundsen the NYC Area Coordinator for hosting the special NYC Pre-Concert Happy Hour at **OBW**-Ocean Beach West before Jimmy played MSG.

Peter Bosshard the METRO PHC Treasurer for keeping the books, writing the checks, but most of all for mixing his special boat drinks!

Tom Dalton our Ticket Liaison & the man who runs the "**METRO Club Marketplace**". Tom is recovering from back surgery but I received an inside tip that he will be back in action for the **FPHP 2007**.

Lorraine Bosshard our Executive Vice President for the hard work and behind the scenes help at all our METRO PHC functions.

Joe Lombardi editor of the "**Parrot Press**" for his weekly METRO Updates and his monthly "Semi-True Stories".

Larry & Denise DeGennaro for raising \$5,000.00 for the Rockland County Memory Walk, Pearl River, NY.

Tracey Markland for putting together the METRO PHC Luau Night, Long Island Duck Baseball and designing, selling and shipping the METRO PHC Tee Shirts for MOTM.

Corrie Sanchez & Nancy Reinhart for the Avon Breast Cancer Benefit and METRO PHC Silent Auction which raised \$3,050.00. A special thanks to Corrie for setting up the MOTM METRO HH at the **Drunken Parrot** in Key West.

DJ Herman Tumm for spending an evening with us and providing the entertainment at the **Huntington Hilton** which hosted the METRO PHC Silent Auction for Breast Cancer for a second year.

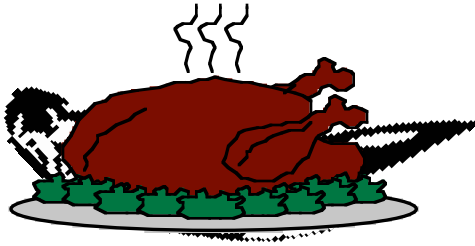
Eddie Travers Band for an evening filled with music and fun at the Annual Margaritaville Street Festival in Sayville. This year was the best one yet. **Eddie Travers** for supplying our entertainment at the Long Island Happy Hour at Zoink's.

Al & Marcia Greengold for holding the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Long Island Clothing Drive at Zoink's.

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Monthly Notables:



NEW MEMBERS:
 Melissa DeMaio
 Russell Nomer
 Anne Nomer
 James Hubent

Congratulations...

To **Corrie Reinhart** and **Mark Sanchez** on their recent wedding... To **Rodney** and **Andrea Olsen** who are celebrating their 7th anniversary on Nov. 13th. Who says 13 is unlucky?... To **Bobbi Ann Kelly** and **Dominic DePierro** who celebrate their 1st anniversary on Nov. 20... To **Malibu** and **Anthony Pino** who are expecting their first 'keet in May 2007 and to **Fred** and **Joann Form**, whose son, **Andrew** is one of the producers of the The Texas Chainsaw Massacre prequel which is doing very well in theaters.

One more candle and a trip around the Sun...

	Date	Favorite Song
Dee Fumego	1	
Chris Florio	3	A Pirate Looks At 40
Neil Grundfest	3	Southern Cross
Ron English	4	One Particular Harbour
Bob Kleinman	5	A Pirate Looks at Forty
Michael Minnicozzi	6	Migration
Jim Norris	6	
Marilyn Morley	7	Margaritaville
Marianne Wagner	7	Boat Drinks
Don Lonczak	8	Son of a Son of a Sailor
Chris Tolbert	8	God's Own Drink
Richard Schneider	10	A Pirate Looks At 40
David Fryer	11	Depends on Mood
Judi Latham	11	Tin Cup Chalice
David Shapiro	11	All
Micki Walter	11	False Echoes
Robert Tyd	12	Changes In Latitudes
Felice Shapiro	12	Margaritaville
David Pohorylo	14	Mental Floss
Paul Schneller	14	They Don't Dance
Jamie Travers	18	Boat Drinks
MaryKate Abernethy	18	All
Lorraine Rosen	18	The Weather Is Here...
Nancy Montgomery	23	Fins
David Levey	24	One Particular Harbour
Ann Marie Tidona	24	One Particular Harbour
Shawn Braitling	24	Trying To Reason...
Marie Moriconi-Hale	25	Fins
Claudia Fortunato	28	One Particular Harbour
Susan Gorgorian	29	Love & Luck
Guy Perrone	29	Margaritaville
Rosemary Everett	30	Jamaica Mistaka

Time To Give Thanks" (continued)

Matt Smith for putting together METRO Hockey Night at the Nassau Coliseum to watch the N.Y. Islanders play.

Pete & Marilyn Tufanisco for taking charge and running the collection and set up of the METRO PHC Tree "ReNew Orleans" at the L.I. Festival of Trees for the second year.

Marie & Joe Lombardi for putting together our 13th Annual Family Picnic at Fresh Pond Park, Amagansett. *As of now there will be no family picnic next year since no club members have taken over the task of running it.

Bosco Thurer for being a great METRO Ambassador of Goodwill. You can see Bosco in action at the FPHP 2007.

Marianne, without her as the "METRO First Lady" & Secretary I would not be able to get half the things done or come up with many of the ideas to help create the festive feeling at all the METRO PHC functions.

All You Volunteers who have helped out throughout the year again!

A special thank you to our leader **Jimmy Buffett** for a great METRO year: Today Show Concert Series; Mohegan Sun; Jones Beach; Camden NJ; MSG etc, etc.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!
 Mahalo, Al Straaik

Long Island Festival of Trees

The **2006 Long Island Festival of Trees** will be held at the Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference in Uniondale (Nassau County) on November 24th, 25th & 26th. Our Ambassadors Of The Trees: **Pete & Marilyn Tufanisco** will be looking for some volunteers to help set up and decorate **OUR METRO TREE: RENEW Orleans**. In case you are wondering, the main color theme will be green, gold and purple.

Set up times will be on Monday, November 20th from 10:00am - 10:00pm and Tuesday, November 21st from 8:30am - 8:30pm. As of prestige, **Pete & Marilyn** had not yet decided on the date or time that we, as a club, will be decorating our tree. However, they will need a limited number of volunteers to help so if you wish to be one of the tree decorating elves, contact **Pete and Marilyn** at: yworryto@optonline.net and they will provide you with the details.

At the Long Island November HAPPY HOUR at Zion's on November 18th we will be collecting Parrot Head/ Caribbean/Beach/Tacky type tree ornaments At this festive occasion we will also be collecting toys for our **TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE**. If you can not make this date **but** you want to contribute to either of these causes, PLEASE feel free to send our club treasurer **Peter Bosshard** a check made payable to the **METRO PHC** and in the memo area write: **Toys for Tots or Festival of Trees**. This will help Peter keep track of the donations for each cause.

Send your checks to: **Peter Bosshard, METRO PHC Treasurer**
6 Mountain View Court
Fort Salonga, NY 11768



If you have Caribbean/Beach/Parrot Head type ornament that you would like to donate **but** can not make our November Happy Hour you can mail or drop off your ornaments:

Pete & Marilyn Tufanisco
28 White Oak Court
Corm, NY 11727

If you have a new unwrapped toy that you would like to donate **but** can not make our November Happy Hour you can mail it drop off to:

Al & Marianne Straaik
25 Rhode Island Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758

"20° & the hockey game's (*back*) on"...

Back in January, 75 Club members are friends attended an Islanders game. The response was so good that **Matt Smith** thought that he'd try and organize another group outing.

This one will take place **Saturday, March 10, 2007**, the **Islanders** take on the **Washington Capitols**. Game time is **7:00 PM**. Matt needs at least 20 people for the group rate to kick in. But he figures that won't be a problem given all the hockey fans in the club. Tickets that are normally priced **\$55.00 each will be available to Club members for \$29.00 each**.

And, get this... It's also "mini radio" night. Mini-Fans (all kids 14 and under) will receive an Islanders' mini radio.

Make checks payable to **Matt Smith**. They have to be received no later than **Saturday, January 20, 2007**.

Matt Smith
34 Ridgefield Drive
Shoreham, NY 11786

Questions? Matt can be reach at liparrothead@optonline.net

And while we're thinking cold... Get ready for some **WINTER WEEKEND FUN!**

Share a Ski/snowboard house at Killington Vermont contact Larry the Lizard for details. larrythelizard@optonline.net

Congratulations to the **Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductees Jimmy Buffett**, Hugh Prestwood, Jim Weatherly. That's amazing. Two of the three inductees live here on Long Island (at least part time). Jimmy in Sag Harbor and Hugh Prestwood a short boat ride away in Greenport. Who'da thunk?

Chance meeting makes for chance of a lifetime

Everyone who went to the concert at Madison Square Garden in September, were treated to a special appearance by Greg "Fingers" Taylor who is considered to be the original Coral Reefer. After hearing some comments from a few of you who came to the flock after 2001, it became clear that not everyone may be familiar with Fingers work. If not, go purchase a cd of one of Jimmy albums that were released in the '70s. Here's a recent article that explains their history. Unfortunately, there's no mention of the chandelier that Jimmy found in the sink in Fingers hotel bathroom sink when they were on tour in London.

*In 1972, Greg Taylor, then a communications student at University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, made his way to the student union to check out an unknown folk singer named Jimmy Buffett. A burgeoning harmonica player with a penchant for sitting in with musicians who were passing through, Taylor carried a harp in his pocket.

"I had no idea who he was. And he was in what they called the Union Building, which was basically some mail boxes and Coke machines and a broken down PA system and a couple of folding chairs. He was singing 'Why Don't We Get Drunk and... ' for three little old ladies on a break from nightclubs, and I thought that was one of the weirdest things I'd ever seen in my life," said Taylor.

After chatting a bit, the two men sat down together that evening to play.

"He asked me to come back the next night, and the next night we sold the place out. And the night after that," said Taylor/

And so began a long and fruitful association between a man who would one day become a legend, and another whose skill earned him the nickname "Fingers."

Greg "Fingers" Taylor, 54, a master harmonica player who spent his formative years in Jackson and who cut his teeth on Delta blues, spoke with the Sun Herald by phone. Here, then, are excerpts from that conversation.

So what have you been up to?

"I got my own little circle of things that I do. I still do a lot of parrot head stuff. I'll be out in Vegas soon. Playing with several of the parrot head bands out there watching Buffett. He does his Vegas shows at the MGM Grand.

And your background with Buffett?

"Buffett called me into Nashville (about 1975) when he got his recording contract with ABC Dunhill, and I started making albums with him back then. I think we ended up making about 30 or 35 albums....The brand new one should be out any day now. I got to work on that again. I left him, I was gone between 2001 up until recently. And I played with him 2 or 3 times on his tour this year. I'm going to Vegas here in about a week, probably play with him at the MGM. So we're kind of getting it back together. We took a little hiatus from each other."

So from the mid-'70s through 2001, you were playing with him most of the time on tour, or sporadically, off and on?

"No, that was pretty solid there. From the end of '74, early '75, right in there. Until we formed the actual Coral Reefer Band. And that's when the real road work began."

Back at USM, at that student union, did you ever envision that the whole parrot head thing, the whole genre of music that y'all were kind of solidifying there, did you ever think it'd be that big?

"No, not really. I knew that when we played together, it was something special. But we just kind of let the whole thing take us by the tail, and we just went on along. And whatever happened just led from one thing to another... Around (1989-90), I remember looking out at the crowd with him one day before the show, and he said, 'I still don't understand what happened, Fingers.' And I said, 'I don't either. Really, what did we do except do the same things we'd always done?' And of course he turned out to be a marketing genius, and just a very prolific songwriter and personality who wins the hearts of people. So, he's been a lucky guy. We were all lucky, to be along for the ride. That's for sure."

Take the Weather With You - #1 Country, #4 Overall

From **Billboard.com**: Jimmy Buffett takes his country-tinged RCA set "Take the Weather With You" to No. 4 on the big chart and No. 1 on the Top Country Albums chart with 121,000. 2004's "License To Chill" debuted at No. 1 in 2004 with 239,000.

ROAD TRIPS

Not everybody can make MOTM. If you feel like taking a Parrot Head friendly road trip in the future, here are some alternatives.

Pardi Gras 2007

Here are the details:

WHEN : Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 through Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007
WHERE: The French Quarter, New Orleans, LA.
WHO: Presented by Sail Away Promotions, in conjunction with The Tropical Isle and Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, New Orleans.
WHY: Because we need to Pardi!
THEME: "Flocking in the U.S.A."

The host hotel this year is the conveniently located [Bourbon Orleans Hotel](#), at the corner of Bourbon and Orleans Streets. We have a group block, as in past years, and you can make your reservations for \$159 per night, until the rooms run out. Call **504-523-2222**, and ask for the **PARDI GRAS** rate.

Registration is now open, and can be done at the new Pardi Gras website, which is: www.pardi-gras.com
This year's registration is \$52 per person. You can register with any major credit card, or print your info, and mail a check to us.

They'll be posting a complete calendar of activities on the Pardi Gras website soon, but here are a few things you can count on for 2007:

- Radio Margaritaville live happy hour
- Bourbon Street Pub Crawl
- Pardi Gras Parade from Tropical Isle to The Margaritaville Cafe
- Bourbon Street Block Party
- Sunday Brunch
- A really cool long-sleeved t-shirt and...

Lots of great live entertainment, including: HANNA'S REEF, PHINS, STARS ON THE WATER, LATITUDE, BRENT BURNS, JOHN RENO & THE HALF FAST CREEKERS, JIM HOEHN, JERRY DIAZ, LATE AS USUAL and more to be announced later!

12th Annual New England Parrot Head Convention...

March 2 - 4, 2007, North Falmouth, MA

This event will be held at the Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center, Old Silver Beach on Cape Cod, 350 Quaker Road, North Falmouth, Ma. from March 2- 4, 2007. Entertainment includes: Changes in Latitude, El Crib, Jimmy Stow & the Stowaways and Wastin' Away. Visit www.nwphc.org for more information.

8th Annual Stars Fell On Alabama

March 8 - 11, 2007, Orange Beach, Alabama

Entertainment includes: Ivory & Steel, John Reno & the Half-fast Creepers, AAA Jake & the Hal Conch Band, Hanna's Reef and Mark Milers, Jim Lanai, Joe Bennett, K. D. More & Greg "Fingers" Taylor, PHINS, Sunny Jim & John Frenzy, Leo Dean, Rum Punch Bandits, All "STARS" Band Visit www.starsfellonalabama.org for more information.

2007 PHINS to the WEST

May 4 - 6, 2007, Laughlin, Nevada

The 2007 PHINS to the WEST website, www.phinstothewest.com, is now accepting registrations for an annual flocking. The 2007 event will be held from the **4-6 of May** at the AVID Casino & Resort in Laughlin, Nevada.

The 4th Annual event will again have an "ALL STAR" lineup of entertainment. Along with that will be the buffet meals, inexpensive libations, outstanding mementos, laminates, and free slot tournament. If you're a golfer, the AVID Resort has an excellent Championship 18 hole course. We will have special rates for those wanting some additional excitement. You can check out their website at www.avicasino.com.

Siren Song of the Buffett-ized By JC Marion

In a recent Sunday edition of the New York Times, there was an article written by David Browne entitled "The Echoes Of His Mind Just Keep Reverberating". It was an in depth study of the history of Fred Neil's song "Everybody's Talking", and to a lesser extent, the story of Fred Neil himself (who passed away in 2001). The interesting facts about the song's coming to life was followed by the great number of recorded versions available by a wide range of artists from Louis Armstrong, Liza Minelli, and Lena Horne, to modern British and independent rock bands. BMI music stated that the song has been played on radio close to seven million times, close to two hundred thousand times just in 2005. All of this, and not one mention of Jimmy Buffett's version of the song. Jimmy's take on this great song set up by Robert Greenidge on the steel pans makes his version just about a perfect reading of the tune. But - not a mention. I believe that this is part of a write off of Buffet's music and the entire Parrot Head movement by the elitist media for a variety of reasons. Their embrace of "gangsta" rap and San Juan based reggaeton is amusing as their dismissal of Buffet's music is annoying. The view of Parrot Heads as a bunch of over indulgent privileged suburbanites is as wrong as their belief that Jimmy's music is irrelevant.

The interesting opinion recently stated that portrayed Parrot Heads as nothing more than loud mouthed semi intoxicated louts singing out of tune versions of "Margaritaville" at the nearest karaoke bar seems to prove this out. There was also a recent study of the top grossing musical acts rhapsodizing about the continued popularity of The Rolling Stones, Eagles (I always preferred Bob Marley's version of "Hotel California"), and Billy Joel. There was no mention of Jimmy who was among the top five concert tours. The so-called critics were quick to pan "Hoot" however, and treated Buffett's participation on the film as if he were director, producer, and lead actor.

And then just to prove this outlook, there was the NY Post hatchet job of a (so called) review of the MSG concert by some know nothing named Dan Aquilante. Describing JB as short, fat, and bald, his vocalizing as "passable at best", his songs with "the depth of a rain puddle", the production of the concert given the one word summation, ("sucks"), and the fin dance as "individually stupid", the writer proved his inability to grasp a modern musical phenomenon. Let him stick to gushing about the latest indie band still playing Led Zeppelin riffs from thirty five years ago, or a hip hop symphony, and how the inclusion of 95 mentions of the f-word in three minutes is so street wise,

And - one last thing. The one mention that I saw recently talked about the high price of tickets for top shows, and Jimmy Buffett was prominently mentioned in this regard. Fair enough, but have you seen the prices for Barbra Streisand at MSG ? Anyway, we are what we are, or words to that effect. By the way Jimmy will be performing in South Florida in mid November-the road goes on forever.

Paradise in Central Islip? by Larry Sullivan

Parrot Heads are anxious to learn if a Jimmy Buffett's Cheeseburger in Paradise will be coming to Central Islip, Suffolk County. In 2004, the Islip Town Board approved a zoning application for the construction of a hotel and two restaurants on the corner of Carleton Avenue and Courthouse Drive, just west of the Ducks Baseball Stadium.

While the owners of the land have been in the process of obtaining all the necessary approvals from the various governmental agencies, the hotel industry has indicated that they would like to expand their presence at this location and a new proposal is in the works to allow two hotels and one restaurant. The restaurants originally mentioned were an Outback Steakhouse and a Cheeseburger in Paradise. Councilwoman Pamela Greene, a Central Islip resident herself, has been the leading voice to make sure that if there is only one restaurant coming that it be Cheeseburger.

"There are other Outback Steakhouses in Suffolk County", Greene said, noting the current popular locations in Holbrook and Lindenhurst, "but there will be only one Cheeseburger in Paradise and patrons will have to come to Central Islip to enjoy it!"

While the final decision will ultimately rest with the owners of the property and the interested restauranteurs, Greene urges Parotids to let their voice be heard with their desire to see a franchise of the popular restaurant brought to Suffolk County.

It's official... Jimmy Buffett is a country singer. So proclaims the latest issue of **Vanity Fair**, which slots J.B. in a super-lavish country hipster photo spread. Yet the restless Buffett continues to mix and mangle North American and south-of-the-border styles his way, on the balmy, breezy "Take the Weather With You" (Mailboat/RCA, B). Standouts include "Cinco De Mayo in Memphis," "Elvis Presley Blues" and the marimba-flavored, "Party at the End of the World."

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Flamingos Face Extinction

No, it's not the **Caribbean Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) those are gregarious wading birds that can be found at saline lagoons, mudflats and shallow brackish coastal or inland lakes in south Florida and throughout the Caribbean.

Sadly, the news is far worse than that. It's the Pink Flamingo (*Lawnornamentus tacki*) that faces extinction.

The plastic pink flamingo, a front-lawn icon that has been reviled as kitschy bad taste and revered as retro cool, is dead at age 49.

"Let's face it," he said, "as iconic emblems of kitsch, there are two pillars of cheesy, campiness in the American pantheon. One is the velvet Elvis. The other is the pink flamingo." said Robert Thompson, professor of popular culture at Syracuse University.

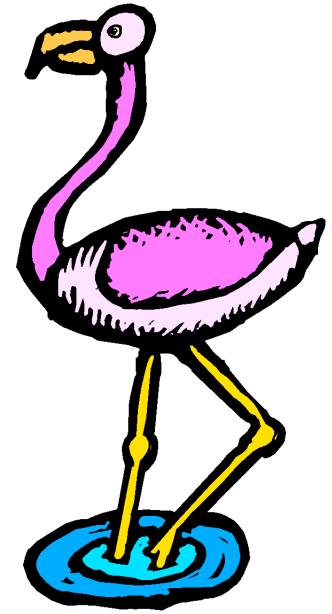
"The pink flamingo has gone from a piece of the Florida boom and Florida exotica to being a symbol of trash culture to now becoming a combination of all we know — kitsch, history, simplicity and elegance," Thompson said.

The pop culture symbol met its demise after its manufacturer, Union Products of Leominster, Mass., was socked with a triple economic threat — increases in costs of electricity and plastic resin combined with loss of financing. Production ended in June, and the plant is scheduled to close Nov. 1, according to the president and chief executive, Dennis Plante.

But all is not lost Plante has been seeking another company to buy the molds. So far, two companies in the U.S. and one in Canada have expressed interest.

"I am hoping that someone will come forward and save the plastic pink flamingo from extinction," Plante said.

We've successfully brought Bald eagles, Peregrine Falcons and the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker back from the brink of extinction, so why not a pink plastic flamingo?



Duke's On Sunday By Ed Kelly

So the day-to-day stresses of work were in full blast the other day. We're in the process of upgrading our computer systems and that pretty much equates to hell on Earth. After countless hours of typing and programming I was truly looking forward to getting home and defragging my day. I finally called it quits and headed back home to open up a cold one and pass some time playing guitar. I pulled out an ice cold brew, opened the cabinet to find the perfect pint glass, and was amazed to see Jimmy Buffett staring back at me from the darkness. My newly appointed wife had realized that I needed a pick me up and hid Buffett's new CD in the first place she figured I'd go.

So with a big smile, I took the plastic off Take the Weather With You, opened it up for the first time and popped it into the CD player. I scanned through the songs one by one, to get a feel for the album, each song bringing a certain feeling or memory to mind. Toward the end of this musical journey I came to the final track and began to listen.

I'm very happy to say that I recently married the most beautiful and thoughtful woman I've ever met. We were married just over a month ago and the entire day was perfect. After spending a few hours dancing, drinking, eating and laughing with family and friends it was all over. The day may have ended but the honeymoon was just about to begin! It was time to hop on a plane and make our way to Hawaii. Twelve very long hours later we were there, the place both of us had dreamed about going for years. We jumped onto a bus and were on our way to Waikiki. Once getting to the hotel absolutely nothing could stop us from getting to the beach. We made it just in time for the sunset. As we all know, a sunset becomes even more enjoyable when a drink is in hand so we stopped by the hotel bar. Drinking our Mai Tai's and watching the sun sink into the Pacific was one of those moments that will be burned into my mind forever.

These were the thoughts running through my mind listening to that last track. Then it hit me. The hotel bar that we spent time in that night (and every night to follow) was called Duke's and the song I was listening to was about the very same bar. That song will now forever be a part of my life, just as that image of our very first sunset in Hawaii. Tara, here's to being at Duke's on Sunday.

From the Casting Producer of ABC's Wife Swap:

For our third season, we would love to feature the ultimate Parrot Head family!

Do you bring your kids to tailgating parties? Do you dry up if you are away from the beach? Is Jimmy Buffett like an extra member of your family? True fans know that it's not just about his music; it's a way of life.

At Wife Swap, we look for families that can not only learn something, but teach something, as well. If you are a family that is ready for a great adventure, we would love to hear from you.

In order to apply for the show, families must have two parents and at least one child between the ages of 6-18 still living at home. Families selected to appear on the show receive \$20,000 from ABC Television. If you are interested in applying, please email: michelle.silva@rdfusa.com (you need to mention that you were referred by Jim at BuffettNews.com)

One Particular Harbor By Marianne Straaik

Mark Mulligan & his family (From the Arizona Parrot Head Club) were vacationing in the islands in July, when a car crossed the divider killing his wife instantly, and landed himself and two children in critical care in the hospital. Family and friends flew down to be with them and take care of arrangements for Mark's wife.....

Al & I received the following note from Mark which we wanted to share with youSometimes the harsh reality of the "real world" infiltrates Our Particular Harbor where all are safe within. I hope you find his short but inspirational note to be a reality check of the real important things in life as we did....

Hello Marianne & Al (and all members of The Metro PHC),

Just a quick thanks for the card and the support that took my wife's life back in July. That was really so nice of you! My legs are improving day by day, with Louis already walking and Marc able to move around on his own with the aid of a walker. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers.

Hope to someday meet you and sing you a song. God Bless you and take care.

Mark

Surprise at the Beach By Peter Zendt

On Saturday July 15th at 4pm I was working around the house, gardening etc., and I got a call from my sister Mary Rita, who was lounging on the beach, across the bay on Fire Island. She said the word is around the beach is that Brian Wilson and his band will be playing tonight at Point O' Woods (a private community). She could not confirm it, and had no details. Besides, Point O Woods is not a place that you would expect a rock concert, although it's a fact that Keith Richards, once visited there.

I made a call to a friend in Ocean Bay Park, spoke to his 15 year old daughter, who confirmed it. She said, he was playing for a birthday party at 9pm and was doing a sound check at the bay, as we spoke. She said, all are invited! I quickly changed plans for that evening. Called Patty Stretch in Ocean Beach. I said get some bikes and people, I'll be over on the 7:30 ferry.

Shortly before 9pm we were headed with bikes and cell phones, making the necessary calls to get through the gate at Point O' Woods. We arrived just as Brian and his 12 piece band were playing "Surfing USA". They performed on a raised stage on the dock with a crowd of about 800, enjoying a Birthday Bash.

Brian and his band were a gift from a guy to his wife and her friends, all of who turned 50 this year. They had a small cordoned off area at stage right, with boat drinks, couches, and Birthday Cake. The rest of the masses were to the left. He sang mostly Beach Boy tunes, with one or two new releases. The sound was great. There were hot dogs, beer and room to dance. He played for a good two hours.

I consider Jimmy Buffett, Bob Dylan, and Brian Wilson my rock icons. So to hear about this at 4pm and to be on the beach under warm clear skies at 9pm, listening to Beach Boy tunes made for the highlight of the summer!

C l u b B i d n e s s

METRO CLUB MONTHLY "HAPPY HOUR" GATHERINGS

*****NEW LOCATION*****

OBW - Ocean Beach West

Friday, Nov. 10th at 5:30 pm
20 W. 38th St. between
5th & 6th Avenues
Always on 2nd Fri. of the month

EAST SIDE CAFE (CT)

****NEW DAY! TUESDAY****

Nov. 14th
at 6:30 pm
232 East Avenue in Norwalk, CT
(Now the 2nd Tues. of each month)

LI Happy Hour Resumes!

ZOINKS (LI)

Saturday, Nov. 18th
401 Sunrise Highway, West Islip
Ed Travers
starts at 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE - February 10, 2007

THE METRO PARROT HEAD CLUB INVITES YOU TO
ATTEND OUR ANNUAL FROSTED PARROT HEAD PARTY

JUNKANOO PIRATES, PARROTS & FRUITCAKES

Junkanoo is the Bahamian version of Mardi Gras.

The celebration consists of parades, **COSTUMES** (yes, costumes
Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts simply won't do),
drums, cowbells, whistles, feathers, kazoos..... Well you get the idea!

Back by popular demand- Music by **Jimmy and The Parrots**
The Festival will once again take place at
The Huntington Hilton - The Savoy

METRO Parrot Head Club Doormats

"as seen at the METRO PHC Silent Auction for Breast Cancer".

If you would like to order a METRO PHC Doormat for your front door, back door or Tiki Bar please send a check/cash or money order for \$20.00 per mat to:

Al Straaik
25 Rhode Island Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758

*Remember the holiday season is approaching very quickly and this would make a great gift for any Parrot Head! **Please place your order by November 18th.**

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TODAY**

METRO Club Marketplace

(Visit www.METROphc.com to view all your Club related items!)

- * **Long Sleeved Club T- Shirts:** 100% cotton - small logo on chest ... \$22
- * **Women's Tank Top (Wide Strap):** 100% cotton - small logo\$ 18
Colors and sizes limited, ask Tom\$ 18
- * **Club T-shirts:** 100% cotton, New logo Or "Classic" Logo\$18
- * **Club Sweatshirts:** 100% cotton, large logo on back - small logo on chest.
Colors and sizes limited, ask Tom\$ 25

Make checks payable to METRO Parrot Head Club and send to Tom Dalton, 53 Valley Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787. Please include mailing cost of \$4 for 1 item + \$1 for each additional item. Save mail charges by getting your items at Club events.

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* **To receive Club Email reminders & notices: send your Email address to metrojoe@optonline.net ***
Membership Renewals: Annual Dues: \$20 Single - \$25 Family Checks payable to: METRO Parrot Head Club - Send to Treasurer

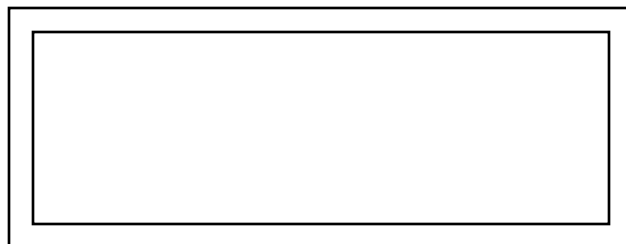
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The METRO Parrot Head Club is a not-for-profit organization whose purposes are to assist community and environmental concerns and to provide a variety of social activities for people with similar tastes and interests. Anyone wishing further information should inquire by mail to the return address above.

Upcoming Club Events

Nov. 2-5, 2006 - Meeting Of The Minds, Key West.

Nov. 18, 2006 - Tree Ornament Collection / Toys For Tots Collection - LI Happy Hour. Details inside.

Nov. 24-26, 2006 - LI Festival Of Trees, LI Marriott, Uniondale, NY. Details inside.

Jan. 11-14, 2007 - PARDI GRAS, New Orleans, LA. Details inside.

Feb. 10, 2007 - The Frosted Parrot Head Party w/ Jimmy & The Parrots. Huntington Hilton, Melville, NY. Details to follow.

Mar. 2-4, 2007 New England Parrot Head Convention, North Falmouth, MA www.nwphc.org

Mar. 8 - 11, 2007, Stars Fell On Alabama, Orange Beach, AL www.starsfellonalabama.org

Mar. 10, 2007 - METRO PHC Group outing to see the Islanders. Details inside.

Club Coordinators are currently planning these and many other events. Make sure to check the Parrot Press for additional information. If you have any suggestions for a Club activity, please contact your local Coordinator.

The Last Line

Happy Thanksgiving METRO's! Football (American Football, not soccer) and eating far too much are holiday traditions. Let's test your knowledge of these songs that reference Thanksgiving (sort of) and football .

- 1) Can't have a turkey without oyster dressing
- 2) Count all your blessings , Remember your dreams
- 3) Love's fool, Sear's tool, wants to win that football pool
- 4) Are we destined to be ruled by a bunch of old white men
Who compare the world to football and are
programmed to defend
- 5) When your daughter tries out for the football team
And your son tries on her dress.

Answers to the October Trivia:

- 1) Distantly in love 2) Far Side of the World 3) Quietly Making Noise **Share your Buffett trivia. Send your questions.**

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

If anyone wishes to contribute to this newsletter, we'd love to include your items. Send stories, puzzles, etc. to the editor by the 20th of the month, no exceptions, (unless we have writer's block) for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.