



Parrot Press

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

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“That’s My Window On The World” **Happy 2007 - Happy New Year - Happy 2007**

How is it possible that we are already seven years into the millennium? It seems that it was just yesterday that we were all waiting for our computers to fail, the world to end as we waited for the ball to drop in Time Square ringing in the beginning of the year 2000. Here we are ready to greet 2007. I guess that old saying *“Time flies when you’re having fun”* is really true.

Time to have some METRO Parrot Head fun is quickly approaching. The **“Frosted Parrot Head Party”** will once again be held at **“The Savoy”** which is located in the **Huntington Hilton Hotel** off of Route 110 (598 Broad Hollow Road). The date for this gala event is Saturday, February 10th.

This year the party theme is **Junkanoo** so anything goes...get out your Hawaiian Shirts, Grass Skirts, Coconut Bras, Bathing Suits, Cut Offs or dress up in your favorite costumes: **Pirates, Parrots & Fruitcakes** (I know we have plenty of Fruitcakes in our METRO community, so I am expecting some really great costumes again this year!)

We have invited **Jimmy & the Parrots** back to help put everyone in a festive mood again. I am putting together booklets with all the words to their songs to help those of you who are not familiar with them. Yes, I have requested them to add a few more Buffett songs to their mixture.

Parrot Heads universally are all on **Island Time** but please remember the deadline for the checks is February 2nd or 200 people, whichever comes first. No ifs ands or butts!

Yes, I am trying for the 3rd Long Island blizzard in three years...**the weather hat trick**...so be sure to book your room EARLY or bring a snow shovel and someone to dig you out and drive you home...only time will tell.

My wish for all you METRO Parrot Heads is to have a very happy and healthy New Year. I hope to see you all at upcoming club events throughout the new year. Be sure to keep your copy of the **Parrot Press** handy so you can easily find who, what and where things are happening.

Hau,oli Makahiki Hou/Happy New Year,

Al Straaik - President of the METRO Parrot Head Nation

PS - I almost forgot the most important fact, I will NOT be giving a speech at this years **“Frosted”** there is just too much entertainment, drinking, dancing, eating, raffles and giveaways and just too little time to fit it all in. I knew that would make you all smile!

Monthly Notables:

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



New Members:
Jean Keyes
Ron Willemstyn



**Happy
1st
Birthday!**
Andie Psilopoulos

	Date	Favorite Song
Joann Blumberg	1	None
Geri Trout	1	Last Mango In Paris
Marilyn Tufanisco	1	Come Monday
Dawn Everett	1	Son Of A Son Of A Sailor
Fred Gallagher	2	One Particular Harbor
Joe Lombardi	2	No Plane On Sunday
Geri Ostuni	4	Fins
Fred Wilson	5	Fruitcakes
Ralph Wotruba	6	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Larry DeGennaro	7	Jimmy Dreams
Lois Mitchell	7	Margaritaville
Gregg Keppler	7	Boat Drinks
Mike Yelenovic	8	One Particular Harbour
Kevin Karmel	10	One Particular Harbour
Ed Kelly	11	Too Many!
Sam Pocker	12	Boat Drinks
Lynn Landano	14	Migration
Patty Sullivan	14	It's My Job
Alison Arbore	14	Tin Cup Chalice
Kerry Ann Douglass	15	Changes In Latitudes...
Dan Martin	15	Trying To Reason...
Mike Saidens	15	The Weather Is Here
Brett Sherris	15	He Went To Paris
Helen Kritsas	16	Fruitcakes
Kevin O'Rourke	17	Jamaica Mistaka
Lisa Regush	17	Volcano
Linda Weisenstein	17	Volcano
Kristen Rosini	17	Son Of A Son Of A Sailor
Anne Nomer	17	A Pirate Looks at 40
Rich Hinrichsen	18	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Martha Goldner	20	Frank & Lola
Ralph DiSomma	21	Margaritaville
Justine Bohaczyk	24	We Are The People...
Ed DeMulder	24	Fins
Julie Schlubach	24	One Particular Harbour
Michael Bohaczyk	25	PENCIL THIN MUSTACHE
Bobbi Ann Kelly	25	Somethin So Feminine
Maryanne Walkup	25	Margaritaville
Russell Nomer	25	A Pirate Looks at 40
Mitch Goldberg	27	Changes In Latitudes
Elsie Farrell	28	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Wendy Way	30	The Weather is here
Louis Iannaco	31	Take Another Road

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

January not only brings us a new year but it also brings us our annual Clothing Drive to benefit Big Brother and Big Sisters of Long Island . Our very first Community Service event for 2007.

Let face it, your closets are probably full and you may have received some new clothes for the Holidays or at post Holiday sales. We are offering you an opportunity to clean out your closets and do some good. Not only that, you'll be earning those ever important "brownie points" for the 2007 concert season (Yes, Virginia, there will be a 2007 concert tour.) Everybody wins.

Here's what you need to do. Just grab one of those 30 gallon trash bags, head to your closet or dresser and fill up the bag with the clothes that you no longer want, need or fit into.

The comes the fun part. Attend the METRO PHC's **Welcome in 2007 Party** (a..k.a. L.I. Happy Hour) at the **Zoinks on January 20, 2007** and drop off the bags. Eddie Travers will be on hand to play some Conga-Line type music that will help us all burn off some of those Holiday calories.

FROSTED PARROT HEAD PARTY

When: Saturday, February 10, 2007
7:30pm - 11:30pm

Where: The Savoy at the Huntington Hilton
598 Broad Hollow Road (a.k.a. NYS Route 110)
Melville, NY

Directions: The Huntington Hilton is located two miles south of the Long Island Expressway (495). Take Exit 49 South.

What: Food (Hot & Cold Buffet), Open Bar including frozen drinks, Dessert Bar and Coffee, Door Prizes all night long and much, much more.

Theme: **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! If you don't, visit WWW.JUNKANOO.COM

Entertainment: Back by popular demand...

JIMMY & THE PARROTS

Cost: \$65 - Club members and sanctioned PHiP Club members and \$70 for Non-PHC members

Please keep in mind that there will be no tickets sold at the door !!!

Checks should be made payable to the **METRO Parrot Head Club** and mailed to:

Peter Bosshard
6 Mountain View Court
Northport, NY 11768

**DEADLINE FOR CHECKS RECEIVED IS FEBRUARY 2, 2007 OR 200 PEOPLE
(WHATEVER COMES FIRST!)**

Public Service: Raffles to raise funds for the "**HURRICANE KATRINA RECOVERY FUND**". If you haven't noticed, they still need our help.

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been set aside for Club members. The "Parrot Head" rate is **\$119**. Contact Corrie Reinhart-Sanchez via email Corrie_reinhart@hilton.com or phone 631-577-1525. Make sure that you mention "**METRO Parrot Head Club**". Rooms are limited, so don't delay.

Help Wanted: We need some volunteers to help with setting up (decorating) raffle sales etc Please contact **Marianne and Al Straaik** at 516-795-4126.

Emergency Transportation: **Al Straaik** has made arrangements for the **Jamaica Dog Sled Team** to be on call when the **Blizzard of '07** hits that night. You have to admit, Al thinks of everything.

VP Jim Hill Is METRO's Traveling Troubadour

By Carole J. Brandi

I was lucky enough to interview a vice president in last month for an expose I am doing for a Web site called NJCoast.com! METRO's very own VP Jim Hill met me at the one and only Cheeseburger in Paradise in Secaucus, New Jersey, to give me the scoop on his love of singing (like Jimmy), his fascination with the Keys, and being an officer for our cool club.

The funny thing is, I spent 4 summers staying down the block from Jim's beach house in Ocean Grove and never met him. Why Buffett did not draw me to his beach house door before Memorial Day weekend 2006 is beyond me. But I walked passed it many times, looked at it, never knowing what wonderful people were behind those pastel stripes and easy chairs on the deck. It was when I saw they were flying a big Conch Republic flag that I yelled over to the house and a friendship parrot head style was born!

The first time I went into Jim and Ellen's house I was awestruck. To see the two dining room walls filled with pictures of Jimmy Buffet inspiration, I was speechless. (Yeah for like 3 seconds because then came the questions about each one!) At this point, I was not yet a METRO member. We talked about his exploits. I could see myself visiting their home in the winter when I need my Jimmy medicine. The house is quaint and warm and so inviting you can't help but get caught up in the magic that parrot heads have around them.

So Jim has two loves: basketball and music. He decided for his day job 15 years ago, that basketball would be the better bet. But he did not let that silence his singing. He managed to make some "key" friends and has been singing in various places even we parrot heads love. Better yet, closer to home, and a place I love...the Jersey shore. He regularly sings along with local talent Paul Cilinsky at Norwood Inn in Avon by the Sea and with Ed Austin and Mike Jackson at Broadway Bar and Grill in Point Pleasant. He has sung with some amazing people in Key West as well. Singing your favorite Buffett tune in front of a roaring crowd? A dream for some but reality for Jim. He wowed fans at this year's MOTM. Yep, our Jim sang with none other than Fingers Taylor! Now that is only one removed from singing with Jimmy.

While we talked, Jimmy music softly emanated from the speakers of this tropical paradise we sat in for lunch. "Ah the stories Jim could tell." I kept up as Mr. Hill recalled night after night where he's put his heart and soul into entertaining others. It truly a passion. Down in Florida, he plays with some Buffett-inspired bands that you have seen. First off, Jersey shore's Jimmy and the Parrots. Then there's Latitudes from Myrtle Beach, SC. And South Florida Marathon Artists. Those latitudes know his harmonies well.

But back up north, Jim sings year round. He has sung with John Frinzi in the very place I sat that day. And our server, college student Kori Sheridan, even remembered Jim singing with John!! John still plays at Cheeseburger so all you METROs are invited to road trip when the mercury drops and you can't afford a flight to paradise. Visit John's website <http://www.johnfrinzi.com> for upcoming performances.

I'm sure many of you have some talent to share. I am fascinated every day by my friends that love performing and making people happy. Nothing clears our minds like hearing "Come Monday" or "Pirate Looks at 40." It's pretty cool that METRO's very own VP gets to spread the good Buffett word to audiences needing a license to chill for a trip around the sun to chase life's blues away.

Hot Fun In The Summertime

The Winter Solstice has passed and the days are getting long, well, the days aren't getting any longer, they're still 24 hours, we should say that the amount of daylight is increasing each day. That said, Summertime is on it's way and the METRO Summer Calendar is starting to fill up.

JIM MORRIS IS COMING TO TOWN: Friday evening June 8, 2007 - Jim Morris acoustic at the Acoustic Cafe in Bridgeport, CT and Saturday afternoon June 9, 2007 - Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band at Captain's Cove, Bridgeport, CT.

LUAU NIGHT at Long Island Ducks: Friday, July 13, 2007 (FRIDAY THE 13th...YIKES) Ducks vs. Road Warriors.

FAMILY PICNIC: Back by semi-popular demand. Saturday, July 28, 2007.

We are always looking for new ideas and activities throughout the year. Anyone with suggestions can contact either their Area Coordinators or Club Pres. Al Straaik (see Club Directory for info).

ROAD TRIPS

MOTM 2007

Can you believe it's already time to start planning?

16th Annual Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) 2007

"Barefootin' Key West"

November 1 - November 4, 2007 (Key West, Florida)

Registration opens January 1st You can register online at [_www.phip.com](http://www.phip.com)

Registration fee is \$75. Registration closes Sept 21 or 3500 registered PHds

A word to the wise...

You procrastinators should know that MOTM has sold out for the past two years.

PARROTHEADS OF THE OLD DOMINION and PIRATES OF THE POTOMAC PRESENT:

The 5th Annual Midwinter Meltdown

January 26 – January 28, 2007

Entertainment includes:

Peter Mayer • Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band • The Calypso Nuts • Sunny Jim
Tall Daddy (Tall Paul, Crowdaddy and friends) • John Frinzi • Will Kimbrough • Tropical Soul

Host Hotel:

Best Western - Battlefield Inn, 10820 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA
703-361-8000 ask for the "Parrothead" rate

Costs:

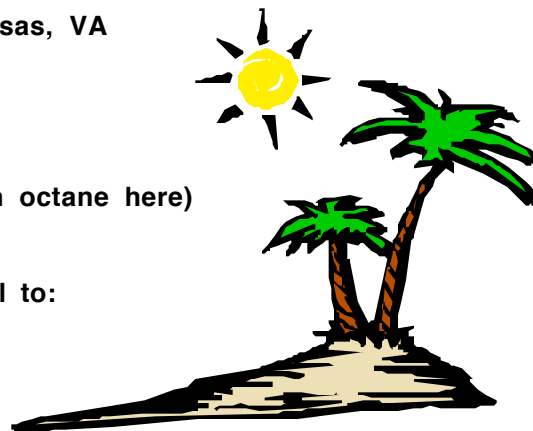
Advanced registration requested

All prices now include food and beverages (we're talking high octane here)

All 3 days \$150 per person. Saturday and Sunday only \$110

Checks payable to "Parrotheads of the Old Dominion" and mail to:

Midwinter Meltdown 5
c/o Mark Schenden
2151 San Moritz Circle, Apt 104
Herndon, VA 20170



Credit Card orders using PayPal, please go to the POD website at www.parrothead.org (small additional fee for Paypal)

12th Annual New England Parrot Head Convention

March 2 - 4, 2007

will be hosted by the Nautical Whalers Parrot Head Club. 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 Cribé, Jimmy Stowe & the Stowaways and Wastin' Away.**

Registration is moving along at a fast pace, we are close to half way to our 600 limit. so book your room early..... The New England Parrot Head Convention which will benefit the Jimmy Fund can be attended by anyone, you do not have to belong to a parrot head club, so tell your friends. Visit www.nwphc.org for more information.

We Have Seen The Future...

and it is Snaggier International Airport, Montage Bay, Jamaica. This airport boasts not, one, not two, not three but four, that right four Margaritaville. It seems like Jimmy plans on turning Margaritaville into the Star bucks of the the Caribbean (with the possible exception of St. Bart's where Jimmy maintains a residence.)

But we wondered, just who is Jimmy targeting with all these Margaritaville? Then, it struck us. Jimmy's fan base is getting older, and perhaps a little more forgetful (senior moments). So multiple Margaritaville in close proximity is the way to go.

You can just imagine some aging Parrot Heads deplaning (Isn't that what Tattoo would say to Mr. Roanoke, "deplane, Deplane") at an airport in St. Somewhere, getting just past the gate, seeing a Margaritaville and deciding to stop for a few frozen concoctions. Then, after spending a couple of hours, imbibing more than a few, they leave the bar, walk about 100 feet and come across... another Margaritaville.

You can just hear one of them say, "Do my eye's deceive me or is this a Margaritaville? Let's stop for a cold one".

Yes indeed. Jimmy's a marketing genius.

NAFTA - SCHEMATA



Last month, while many Parrot Heads were in the midst of the Holi-Daze, two developments signaled a major change in Margaritaville Foreign Policy.

First Jimmy issued a statement indicating that Margaritaville Restaurants will no longer serve Canadian Seafood until Canada ends its annual slaughter of seal pups. We're sure that the McKenzie Brothers are shaking in their mukluks .

Then it was announced that Corona , which is brewed in Mexico, was ending it's 22 year partnership with Jimmy and would no longer be sponsoring his concert tours. It seems that Jimmy has decided to partner with Anheuser-Busch to launch a new beer "Landshark Lager", which has been described as a Corona-like brand. (Ed note: Good. Another beer that you need to add citrus fruit to in order to make it palatable. Just what we've been waiting for.)

Corona, which has served as the exclusive "malt beverage" sponsor of Jimmy's tours since 1984 learned that Jimmy's upcoming Florida tour would be sponsored by A-B and decided not to renew their tour sponsorship for 2007.

With these two actions, Margaritaville, Inc. will no longer be dealing with our immediate neighbors to the North and South. NAFTA*? We don't need no stinking NAFTA. H. Ross Perot would be proud.

*North American Free Trade Agreement

Nectars and margaritas: Buffett a Plum investor

Jimmy Buffett is part of a band of wealthy investors backing Plum TV, a television network for ritzy resort areas started by Nantucket Nectars founder Thomas Scott.

Buffett maintains residences in three of the ritzy resort areas, Aspen, the Hamptons and Nantucket. Maybe East End METRO and METROs visiting the Hamptons will be able to catch Jimmy on TV.

Buffett is just one of several investors in the venture. He joins New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, former Viacom chief Tom Freston, Island Records founder Chris Blackwell and Andy and Kate Spade, who founded the high-end fashion brand Kate Spade and Jack Spade.

Plum TV recently completed a \$20 million round of funding and is expanding its reach into Sun Valley, Idaho, and Miami Beach. Plum TV also added distribution agreements with AOL video and TiVO broadband, and plans to boost its online presence.

Ed. Note: *In truth, we'd much rather use newsletter space to inform Clubmembers about what Jimmy is up to musically. But lately, music has taken a back seat to Margaritaville Empire expansion. So we're left with bidness news to report. Enjoy!*

C l u b B i d n e s s

METRO CLUB MONTHLY "HAPPY HOUR" GATHERINGS

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

OBW - Ocean Beach West

Friday, Jan. 12th at 5:30 pm
 20 W. 38th St. between
 5th & 6th Avenues
 Always on 2nd Fri. of the month

**METRO NORTH
 EAST SIDE CAFE**

Tuesday, Jan. 9th
 at 6:30 pm
 232 East Avenue in Norwalk, CT
(Now the 2nd Tues. of each month)

**LI Happy Hour
 ZOINKS (LI)**

Saturday, Jan. 20th
 401 Sunrise Highway, West Islip
Ed Travers starts at 7:00pm
CLOTHING DRIVE!
See Related Article.

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

Matt Smith has secured the seats for the March 10 Islander game vs. the Washington Capitals. These seats are better than last year's game, and with the recent inspiring play of the Islanders, this game is sure to be a sellout, as the Islanders are teetering on first place in the NHL's Atlantic Division!

This Club outing that will take place **Saturday, March 10, 2007**. Tickets that are normally priced \$55.00 each will be available to Club members for **\$29.00 each**.

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

Don't forget to include the ever popular Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope!

Mail the check and the SASE to:

Matt Smith
 34 Ridge field Drive
 Shore ham, NY 11786



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

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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 JAN. '07
 NOW EXPIRED
 RENEW
 TODAY**

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Membership Renewals: Annual Dues: \$20 Single - \$25 Family Checks payable to: METRO Parrot Head Club - Send to Treasurer

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YOUR MAILING LABEL!**



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

Jan. 20, 2007 - Annual Clothing Drive at the LI Happy Hour. Details inside.

Jan. 26-28, 2007 - Mid-Winter Meltdown, Manassass, VA. Details inside.

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

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

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

Apr. 21, 2007 - Spring Beach cleanup, Sea Bright Beach, NJ (Date not yet confirmed.)

Apr. 28, 2007 - Spring Road cleanup, East Hampton, NY

Jun. 8 & 9, 2007 - Jim Morris, Bridgeport, CT. Details to follow.

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

Jimmy often mentions celebrities in his song lyrics. See if you can match the celebrity with the song.

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Marilyn Monroe | A) Growing Older But Not Up |
| 2) Grant Wood | B) Fruitcakes |
| 3) Lucille Ball | C) We Are The People |
| 4) Gardner McKay | D) Landfall |
| 5) Stanley Kubrick | E) Life Is Just A Tire Swing |
| 6) Pete Rose | F) Baby's Gone Shopping |

Answers to the December Trivia:

1) Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rhum 2) Too Many 3) Up on the Housetop.

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.