



The Phrozen Pin Newsletter

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Moments for the
Lakes Area
Parrot Heads

Upcoming Events

February 5 & 19
General socials at
Lakeside

February 6-13
Belize trip

February 26
Simply Complicated
PHC party
Lake City, SD

March 12
Monthly meeting

April 9
Monthly meeting

May 14
Fargo Marathon
Monthly meeting

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Ronald McDonald was a feature at our spaghetti dinner January 15. See page two for the rest of the story.

Back to the beach for Beach Balls and Bongos 2!

Beach Balls and Bongos is coming back to D.L. July 16 during the Northwest Water Carnival. This will be the second year for the event, which last year raised nearly \$11,000 for the Becker County Humane Society. The location will be at the Lakeside once again, with the band to be determined. We will get 50 percent of the gate, plus we'll set up our booth and raffles again. A charity has yet to be selected, but if last year is any indication they'll receive a hefty donation. More details on our signature event will be released soon. The beginning of our PR push is expected to coincide with the Fargo Marathon.

**Let's talk tickets
(Buffett tickets, that is)**

The rumor mill tells us that Jimmy Buffett will come back to Alpine Valley, with July 30 being the date kicked around. Tickets for the club are expected to be allocated in the premium seating area this year. What's not known is the number of those tickets, since the Wisconsin clubs and St. Minnesomeplace will also be up for tickets for this particular concert. Deanna Amundson is our club's ticket coordinator, and tickets will be distributed according to guidelines established by the executive committee. More information about the tickets will be passed along as it becomes available.

Meeting dates changed

Since many times our meeting times conflict with holidays, we've moved our meeting dates to the second Saturday of the month. As before, they will start at 6 p.m. at the Lakeside in D.L.. The first F-M meeting of the year isn't set yet. Meeting schedules are now posted on the left-hand side of the newsletter front page. **Please note** there will be no February business meeting since a big chunk of the membership will be in Belize, but socials will be held on the 5th and 19th at the Lakeside, beginning at 6 p.m.

A road trip to attend a Simply Complicated club fundraiser in South Dakota on the 26th is also tentatively planned.

For updates, visit www.lakesareaparrotheads.com

Lakes Area Parrot Heads, Northern Latitudes, Caribbean Attitudes



Spaghetti dinner succeeds despite the cold

The temperature January 15 was about 20 below, which is enough to keep just about anyone home next to a fire or under an electric blanket, but we managed to pull in just over 60 people for the evening to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses of the Red River Valley. Final numbers will be available at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. One of the four official Ronald McDonalds in the country put in an appearance, entertaining all those who attended, and even starting a conga line to the music of Island Time, who supplied us with plenty of warm tropical music throughout the evening. There are plenty of thanks to go around, from Jeff and his usual excellent cooking, the folks dishing up the spaghetti, everyone who helped set up and tear down, to Ambrose for securing the National Guard Armory for the evening and to the Guard members who helped us tear down afterwards.

Brogren named Parrot Head of the Year; Ronald McDonald helps with the celebration

Okay, I had to come up with a headline and describe the picture above, and this was the easiest way to do it. After some confusion about which Jim Brogren, Senior or Junior, was voted as the top Parrot Head of the year, a revote gave Jim the younger the honor. Congratulations, Jim! Read more from Jim on the club's first year in our inaugural *Phlock Talk* column on page 3.

Are you ready to run?

Or in our case, are you ready to watch people run by our aid station at the Fargo Marathon and hand water to the runners? We're still looking for a few volunteers willing to spend some time at our aid station along the marathon route. The race is Saturday, May 14 and we have one of the choice stations, at the 20-mile mark. We need a minimum of 15 people at the station. We have about 10, which is a great start. If you would like to volunteer, contact Darrel at dveldh@msn.com or 287-5138 to get the signup information. A list of the volunteers will be sent around soon to check that everyone who has volunteered or wants to is included on the list and their name is sent to the marathon's organizing committee.

LAPH goes international!!!

Our newest member is not only the furthest north, he also has turned us into an international PH club. Wayne Gage is a Winnipeg resident, and his hobbies include sailing the Caribbean. For those who like trivia, Wayne and our southernmost member, Tracy Heiman down by Omaha, live approximately 639 miles apart. Can anybody say, "Road trip!?" I knew you could. Here's a map with the locations of selected members.





More stories we could tell from club members, this month featuring Jim Brogren, LAPH president

Greetings from El Presidente!

I would like to thank each and every one who has made our club a huge success; with your help we have accomplished great things. I am honored and humbled that you voted me 2004 Parrot Head of the Year.

To all you other Parrot Heads of the Month, hats off to you—job well done. Just a few kudo's to pass out: to Darrel, I guess the goose bumps said it all. Thanks for the video. To Jim Senior & MaryAnn: Thanks for the two airline tickets for Meeting of the Minds. And last but not least, Susan, thanks for taking care of Ronald McDonald.

To those of you going to Belize, the Lakes Area Parrot Heads Fat Tuesday Beach Blast Belize is February 8 at 10 p.m., Banana Beach Resort.

The Coconut Telegraph will be buzzing Wednesday morning. Again, thanks to all and 2005 is our year to shine.

New Year, new newsletter look

You may have noticed a new design with several new features in this edition, plus now it even has a name.

Changes include a schedule of upcoming events will be bannered on the front page, a column from a club officer, or any interested member, will be included in each issue and a member application form is included on the last page. Other additions are planned for future issues. Another change is that, while the newsletter will continue to be posted on the web site, members without e-mail will have copies mailed to them. Since postage costs can add up, if you can log on and print a copy, please do, so that we can keep costs down. Let us know what you think of the changes, and fins UP!!

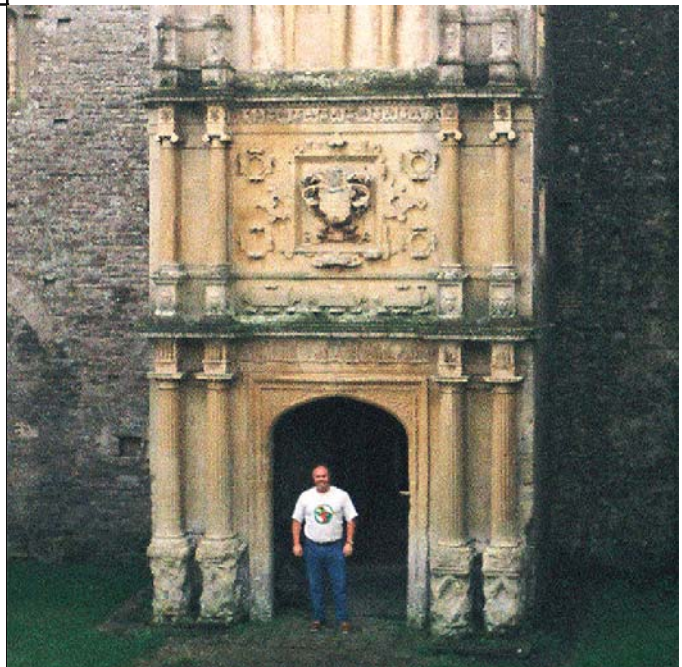
Meeting of the Minds on agenda for November

At the January meeting, it was decided by members it would be in our best interest to send two officers to the annual Meeting of the Minds in Key West, FL, in November.

MOTM is the annual Parrot Head convention, attracting Parrot Head club members from across the country to exchange ideas for promotions, event organization, club operations and so forth. There's also a bit of after-hours networking (read barhopping) for those attending. The club is paying the \$60 registration fee for Jim and Darrel to attend, as they were chosen by the group to represent us.

A loud cheer is needed here for Jim (Senior) and MaryAnn Brogren for donating the air fare for both of attendees. Thank you, Brogrens!! Last year, the Lakes Area Parrot Heads were one of perhaps four chapters who did not send representatives to MOTM, so this year, we hope to gain new perspectives on how to improve club operations, increase our visibility in our communities and get better at fundraising.

This edition's member photo features Steve Larson introducing 1, 100 year old Castle Beupre in Wales to the Parrot Head lifestyle.





Lakes Area Parrot Heads Membership Application

Today's date

First name

Last name

Address 1

City

State

ZIP code

Dues are \$25 per member per year. Dues payments should be mailed along with this form to:

Jim Brogren
1215 Long Ave
#205
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Birth date (month and day only)

E-mail address

The Lakes Area Parrot Heads web site allows us to set up personalized e-mail accounts. Addresses are in the form of yourname@lakesareaparrotheads.com. If you would like an account, please give us your name of choice and a backup

Choice 1

Choice 2

How did you hear about us?

What talents would you bring to the club?

How many times have you seen Jimmy in concert?

What's your favorite Buffett saying?

Club meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month at the Lakeside Tavern in Detroit Lakes. If the location changes, members will be notified by e-mail or on the web site, www.lakesareaparrotheads.com, of the new location. Oh, and we should put this on here as well: Dues payments are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.