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 Parrot Heads

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The trip to Belize is but memories, but, oh, the stories we can tell. Jim, where's your dog?

## Beach Balls and Bongos II is a go; Gary Sluhan to take the stage

Plans for the second annual Beach Balls and Bongos are moving ahead full steam, with Gary Sluhan, a Buffett tribute artist from Missouri, headlining the July 16 event at Lakeside Tavern in Detroit Lakes. Sluhan is also one of our new members. Negotiations with Island Time, a steel drum band from Detroit Lakes, are underway to include them in the event. Cruzan Rum and the Lakeside have come to a tentative agreement for sponsorship as well.



Gary Sluhan. Photo courtesy garysluhan.com

To promote the event, the Parrot Heads are responsible for print and broadcast advertising. We are also investigating if raffles can be held. This will require a license. Denis and Susan Kadrie are our liaisons to the Cancer Society and will be handling all dealings with the organization. Jim Brogren is the contact person for working with the Lakeside to arrange the event.

In a change from last year's event, the Lakeside will handle the staffing and expenses. We will have our booth for t-shirt and souvenir sales. Ticket allotment will be split between the Lakeside and us. We will get 50 percent of the Our charity for the event is the American Cancer Society, which was chosen by unanimous vote at the March business meeting. If you have any suggestions, ideas or other thoughts on this year's Beach Balls and Bongos, contact Jim, Denis or Susan.

**Web sites**

[www.garysluhan.com](http://www.garysluhan.com), [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

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## Lakes Area Parrot Heads, Northern Latitudes, Caribbean Attitudes

### Social events of the season

The first F-M social of the year will be held Saturday, April 30 at the Fargo Elks Club in north Fargo. It started as a birthday celebration for Mel, Cap'n Tony, Dawn and Mary Ann (April 27 & 30, and May 3 & 10), and ballooned into a full-fledged Parrot Head party before anybody knew it. This will also be a recruitment party, so if you know of anyone who wants to join the club, let them know. For more information about the gathering, Mike H. is the leader of the band. Another social is being tentatively planned for May 14, in conjunction with our Fargo Marathon volunteer effort (see story below). Location, time and other details are still in the planning stage, but more information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

### You call it running...we're just there to hand out the water

There is still a need for volunteers to help out at our aid station for the Fargo Marathon on May 14. We are tentatively planned to man the mile 20 station, which is located near the 40th Avenue North bridge, on the Fargo side of the Red River. For those attending the Fargo Elks social on April 30, the station location is about six blocks north of there. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Darrel or sign up at [www.fargomarathon.com](http://www.fargomarathon.com). I will be compiling a list of the volunteers by mid-April to see where we are at in meeting the requirements for the aid station.

### Fargo Marathon stats, courtesy Noridian Corporate Health & Wellness Department

- \*As of March 21, 1,011 individuals from 42 states and three Canadian provinces have signed up for the Fargo Marathon
- \*Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Vermont are the only states that do not have members signed up
- \*The youngest marathoner is an 18-year-old from Fargo and the oldest marathoner is a 79-year-old from Mound, MN
- \*The youngest half-marathoner is 12-year-old from Winnipeg; the oldest half-marathoner is a 72-year-old from Golden Valley, MN

### Rummage sale May 21 in DL

Our first club rummage sale will be held at the Detroit Lakes Armory from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Setup will be on Friday night, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring items they would dearly love to part with. Requested items include clothes, furniture, kitchen implements, tapes and so forth. All items should be in good condition. We will also give out free coffee and cookies to those donating food items. Proceeds will be donated to the Becker County Food Pantry, which has had difficulty in the past few months getting enough donations to keep its shelves stocked. Anything that is not sold will be donated to the ARC store or the Boys Ranch. If you need help hauling items to the Armory for the sale, contact a member of the executive committee to line up transportation.

### Summer concert picture still up in air; Alpine may be out

In the ever-changing world of music, one change we may see this year is that Buffett skips Alpine Valley. As of this writing, no date had been set, and rumors abound that there will be no performance at the amphitheatre. Chicago, Cincinnati and Indianapolis would be the next closest venues. One story circulating is that if the two Chicago shows over Labor Day weekend at Wrigley Field sell out, an Alpine date is still a possibility. As information becomes available, we will pass it along.

Deanna is the club's ticket coordinator and she is responsible for ticket distribution following guidelines set by the executive committee.



An Elk River, MN car wash must be owned by a Buffett fan!



More stories we could tell from club members, this month featuring Denis Kadrie, LAPH trustee.

## Key West, Florida

*Great little drinking town with a fishing problem*

It is also a place that immediately brings to mind images of sunshine, beaches, spring break, Margaritaville, and Jimmy Buffett. How about a cheeseburger (and beer of course) in Paradise. The original Margaritaville Cafe opened here in 1985 and is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. They also have a gift shop (imagine that).

For most Parrot Heads this is home sweet home, but Key West is so much more. Captain Tony's Saloon at 428 Greene Street down by Mallory Square (yes, it is the one in the song) is a nice place to have a beer and meet Captain Tony, have your shirt autographed and picture taken. Yes, he is still there and is happy to be a dirty old man with your daughters.

The next stop is Hog's Breath, close by and good for a beer. You saw Sloppy Joe's and yes, it is busy with tourists and yes, it is loud, so I will leave this stop up to you. Sometimes they have good entertainment both on and off stage. By now you can see that Duval Street is where all the action/tourist trap is: west end has bars and Mallory Square, while the east end has the arts and gathering places for GLBT (Gay, Lesbians, Bi, Trans).

While on the west end, check out the boats on the wharf. They call this the Harbor Walk. It is along the water with many restaurants and bars. See if you can find the Tower Bar (hint) by the dinghy dock. It's nice at sunset and you can find a local captain if you want to go fishing. Another nice place at sunset is Ocean Key Resort, where they have a great pier bar.

We stayed on the east end of Duval at the Wyndham Reach Resort and the Southernmost Hotel and Resort. Both are within walking distance of each other and right next to Atlantic Shores, which is the location of the clothing optional pier/pool bar. If this is of interest to anyone, you will have to hurry. The hotel is scheduled to be torn down this November to make way for condos.

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## Parrot Heads of the Month chosen for January, February and March

The first three Parrot Heads of the Month for 2005 are Darrel for January, Ambrose for February and Susan K. for March.

Darrel was chosen for the video that reviewed club accomplishments in 2004.

Ambrose earned the honor for taking time during the Belize trip to teach children in San Pedro about fire prevention, and his work with the San Pedro Fire Department.

Susan was chosen for her work in escorting Ronald McDonald during our January spaghetti dinner. Congratulations to all of you!

## Transportation needed

To ship some much-needed firefighting equipment to Belize, Ambrose and Jim are looking for transportation to get the equipment to Florida for shipment by mid-October. Contact them if you have any connections that might be able to help out.

## New member roundup

Welcome to our newest members, Wade Schumacher of Detroit Lakes, and our feature artist at Beach Balls and Bongos, Gary Sluhan of Fenton, MO. Gary has now assumed the title of southernmost member, previously held by Tracy Heiman of Bellvue, NE.

## Correction

Because of a misplaced keystroke, our new member from Winnipeg, Wayne Sage, was incorrectly identified in the last issue as Wayne Gage. Wayne now has a Corona in his account at the Bank of Bad Habits.

*This edition's member photo is a team effort between Mike H., Darrel and Mel, who managed to track down Dr. Phil as we started our trip back from Belize.*



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## PhlockTalk cont'd

Key West is known for its B&B's and has some great ones, so check them out. Remember, the rainbow in the window of any home or business is the universal sign for GLBT-friendly.

For great food and an interesting dining experience try Blue Heaven at Petronia and Thomas Streets, or Alice's on Duval and Amelia Streets. Great food, but make a reservation. They fill up fast. For great Italian try Mangia Mangia, 900 Southard Street. Be early or be ready to wait. There is a Thai food place we ate at that was very good, on the corner of Caroline and Elizabeth.

Now remember, I was on vacation eating and drinking and drinking and drinking and...well, you get the picture, so give me a break.

Pepe's is a local bar and is supposed to have great food. We did not eat there, but we did go in and have a drink. It's in a little white building at the corner of Caroline and William Streets. Just ask around. Green Parrot is another local hangout, at 601 Whitehead Street.

The places that advertise as "the best" maybe were at one time, but the ones I have listed here are some of my favorites. They advertise very little if at all because they don't want you "damn tourists"! Not really, but they do have local customers that keep them busy, and if you find them, great, they love to take care of you and your group the old fashioned way, good food and good service.

The Conch Train, they say, is worth the ride—90 minutes of good information for \$22. Otherwise you are on your own. Stay out late—the bars close at 4 a.m. and most locals come out about midnight (after the tourists have all gone home. Yeah, like I would know). It is very safe and you can walk just about everywhere, or rent a bike for \$10 a day or scooter for \$35. You can do your own research, but this is just a small sample of what Key West has to offer. If you have any questions, contact me at [dkadrie@seventhavenueauto.com](mailto:dkadrie@seventhavenueauto.com)

### Web sites

[www.margaritaville.com/cafes/keywest.htm](http://www.margaritaville.com/cafes/keywest.htm)  
[www.oceankey.com](http://www.oceankey.com)  
[www.wyndhamreachresort.com](http://www.wyndhamreachresort.com)  
[www.southernmostresorts.com](http://www.southernmostresorts.com)  
[www.keywest.com](http://www.keywest.com)  
[www.aliceskeywest.com](http://www.aliceskeywest.com)  
[www.mangia-mangia.com](http://www.mangia-mangia.com)

## Notes from Slip F-18



### From BuffettNews.com

In the May/June issue of AARP Magazine, Jimmy remembers a story about his dad. If you can't get your hands on a copy from your parents or grandparents - he writes:

In early 1995, my dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He was a draftsman and a dynamo of energy with whom few people could keep pace. Now he had to face the awful reality that he was losing his mind. Once the devastating news settled in, our conversations were more personal than they had ever been. One day we were sitting at the end of the pier that my father had built, looking out over the shallow waters of Mobile Bay, savoring the day. "You know what I was just thinking about?" he asked. "What?" These days that could be a loaded question. "Remember when you got thrown out of the sailing club for leaving the race and sailing all the way across the bay?" I had to think only a moment about that major event in my mis-spent youth. "You bet I do," I said with a laugh. "I never told you, but that was about as proud as I ever was of you. I mean, being the first Buffett to get a college degree was good, don't get me wrong, but that time you just decided to light out on your own, that was a moment. Looks like you have made a career out of doing what you're not supposed to do. I'm proud of you, boy."

### From Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Ontario, CA

Carl Hiaasen's children's novel "Hoot" will be made into a movie produced by musician Jimmy Buffett and Frank Marshall, whose credits include the "Indiana Jones" and "Back to the Future" films.

Director-comedian Wil Shriner will direct the film and has written the first draft of the script. Buffett will provide the film's music.

"Hoot" is about a boy who moves to Florida where he tries to solve an ecological mystery involving endangered owls, an assortment of other unusual creatures and group of eccentric adults. Walden Media and the Kennedy/Marshall Co. will produce the film.

### Quotable

Life is a mystery, not a problem to be solved.

-Albert Einstein



## *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](mailto: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](http://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.