



**Meeting called to order 6:45pm, April 9, 2008 – Guerrazzi's – Lansing, Michigan**

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**Attending:**

Sandra Armbruster, Alan Dolley, Kim Dyer, Marcia Evans, Linda Fish, Joanne Hansen, Tom Hansen, Gail LaLonde, Kari Leiby, Jack Lennemann, Julie Lennemann, Don Middlebrook, Gina Nelson, Jeff Saxton, Bill Shamick, Marlene Somerville, Norm Spalding, Jan Swiss, Jana Weeks, Phyl Wojcik, Bobbi Woods

**Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22 –Guerrazzi's Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Check <http://www.mmphc.com> if you need a map to get there.

**Treasury Report**

- Due to the ticket money coming in and going on today a treasurer's report will be held off until the April 22 meeting.

**Membership Report**

- There are currently approximately 60 paid members of the MMPHC. Remember, you need to be a paid up member for Buffett tickets.

**Old Business**

- Norm thanked Gail again for the hard work she did as President over the last two years.
- Marcia is thrilled to report that 15 people have signed up for the Shinsky benefit for City of Children Orphanage at Breslin on May 15. If you are interested in helping please contact Lee Howell at [leehowell@aol.com](mailto:leehowell@aol.com). He's helping to coordinate volunteers. They're expecting us to be bright and noticeable, so come dressed in your parrot head to work for this good cause. We are the only ones selling raffle tickets, and we'll be starting at 4:30pm.
- Memberships are now open for Meeting of the Minds in Key West – Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2008 Please go to <http://www.phip.com> for details.

**New Business**

- Gail, Jana and Bobbi made us all jealous by talking about the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Parrot Head cruise. They talked about the music, Margaritaville and the toga party. They talked about the more than \$56K the Atlanta Club raised for breast cancer charities. These minutes just can't do it justice.
- Becky from the Capital Area Humane Society (<http://www.cahs-lansing.org>) spoke, thanking the club for selecting them for this year's Phun Phest.

She talked about the various programs at the CAHS from animal adoptions to vaccination and spay/neuter clinics etc., and how they service Eaton, Ingham and Clinton counties. She mentioned that they get no government funding, and that many people are not aware of that. She also spoke about what they hope to be able to do in the future, and the new outdoor runs they are hoping to build. She mentioned two of the fundraising events they run (Fur Ball, which is April 19 and the Dog Walk in September.)

Becky also talked about the close relationship CAHS has with local media outlets and their web site, and how she hopes to help us promote Phun Phest there.

Anyone interested in attending the “Fur Ball” formal or volunteering time to the CAHS was encouraged to check their web site (<http://www.cahs-lansing.org>) for information and volunteer orientation days.

- Norm has set a goal of \$15,000 for us this year. We can do this if we get out and try to bring in those sponsorships and sell tickets. Jim Mills is on the case once again, and that should help out. He also talked briefly about the break down of expenses etc. from the 2007 event.
- Norm will talk to the neighbors behind Guerrazzi’s about any potential noise problems. He does not think this will be an issue, since he knows pretty much everyone back there.
- Guerrazzi’s has promised reasonable prices for food and drinks for the event.
- PHUN PHEST bands  
Don Middlebrook – 5:00pm to 7:00pm (times tentative)  
Caribbean Blue – 7:30pm to 11:00pm (times tentative)  
The committee and bands are working out the sound system issues.
- Voting for Charity Split  
Three main criteria were used for selecting charities for this year’s Phun Phest. The charity had to be local. The charity had to be something people could relate to. The charity had to be able to give support to our event.

There is a form up on <http://www.mmpnc.com> where you can vote for what you think the split between the Phun Phest charities should be. Get your vote in to Jeff at the address on the form before May 9.

- Sponsors  
Julie ([julie\\_address\\_home@hotmail.com](mailto:julie_address_home@hotmail.com)) will be coordinating sponsorships. Please email her with who you plan on visiting and who you have received money from so we are not duplicating our efforts and hitting the same people/businesses multiple times. There will be two levels of sponsorship (\$100 and \$500) just like last year. We’re hoping to see 45-50 sponsors.

- Prizes!  
Bring PRIZES to the meetings so Phyl can get those organized.

### **Phun Phest Committees**

Band Committee is investigating bands. Contact Becky Greisinger ([b.greisinger@comcast.net](mailto:b.greisinger@comcast.net)) if you are interested in helping decide on the band.

Charity Committee had selected the Capital Area Humane Society and Hospice as the charities for this year. Don't forget to vote for the split by sending an email to Jeff at the address on the form that is on <http://www.mmphc.com>

Hotels – Becky is working on getting special rates for a hotel room. The NICE ones down the road, not the “motel” next door. Contact ([b.greisinger@comcast.net](mailto:b.greisinger@comcast.net)) for more information.

Set-up and Tear Down – Contact Jack Lennemann ( [jlennemann@afpmi.net](mailto:jlennemann@afpmi.net) ) or Kari Leiby ([mecaster3@ft.newyorklife.com](mailto:mecaster3@ft.newyorklife.com))

Prizes – Contact Phyl Wojcik ( [phylwoj@hotmail.com](mailto:phylwoj@hotmail.com) )

Decorations – LOTS of stuff at Becky Greisinger's. We need to determine if it's enough.

50/50 – Contact Gina Nelson ([nelsonginam@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonginam@gmail.com) )

Tickets – Fred will do these for us again.

Corporate Sponsors – Julie Lennemann ([julie\\_address\\_home@hotmail.com](mailto:julie_address_home@hotmail.com) ) is coordinating this, but everyone should try to get sponsors.

Wrist Bands – Dan Henry will provide wrist bands

Food – Guerrazzi's is working on an affordable menu with burgers, brats, wings and drink specials

Price - \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

We will be doing some sort of prize for tickets sold in advance, so feel free to sell them as raffle tickets if people don't think they can come.

Jeff Saxton is working on the fliers etc.

### **Other upcoming events:**

- Party in Parrot-Dise, April 18-20, 2008 in Illinois near Chicago. This was great fun last year. Please check the link on <http://www.mmphc.com> for information. This regional event was a great deal of fun last year.
- Pirates in the Palace, April 25-27, 2008 – Scott Wilson's mini version of Meeting of the Minds held at Pirate's Cove in Bancroft, MI. The money raised will go to charities in the

area. KD Moore will be playing on Saturday night, with a chance for a Friday night warm-up set or two. \$5 at the door, money goes to the charity. Deals on t-shirts, food, etc. Contact Pirates Cove, 211 Higgins St., Bancroft, MI 48414 for details.

- Jimmy Buffett in Detroit – June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Phlocking of the Phaithful in Put-In-Bay, Ohio – June 13-15, 2008  
Weekend long “tropical” party on the shores of Lake Erie.  
<http://www.phlocking.com>
- Jimmy Buffett in Chicago – July 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lansing Lugnuts – Beach Party night on July 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a Friday.  
We might miss out on “Thirsty Thursday”, but it is a fireworks night  
Tickets will be \$9, and we’ve asked them to hold us seats along the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line so the sun won’t be in our eyes. Contact Kim at [kimbis@aol.com](mailto:kimbis@aol.com) for details.
- Six-String Songwriter’s Invitational – New Orleans, LA – August 14-17, 2008 Special hotel rates, just a few blocks from Margaritaville NOLA.  
<http://www.sixstringmusicnola.com>
- Meeting of the Minds – Key West, FL – October 30 – November 2, 2008 This is the BIGGIE, the annual national convention. You MUST be a member in good standing of a parrot head club to attend. Go to <http://www.phip.com> for details.

Anyone with ideas for happy hours, possible future events, and so on PLEASE let us know so we can bring it up to the club!



## **EVENT DETAILS FOR BRESLIN CENTER BENFIT**

Event Name: Shinsky Orphanage and LCC Fr. Mac Fundraiser

\*Event explanation: The Shinsky Orphanage project is one developed by a MSU Football Alumni, John Shinsky, who has been in support of this orphanage in Metamor, Mexico since 2000. His support has created a chance for these young individuals to flourish in a very poor area of Mexico. Many are now in support of helping John with his dream to complete this project. Along with this event, the Lansing Catholic schools have had a fundraiser every spring – The Fr. MAC event – and has asked to become part of this fundraiser in hopes to involve the area Catholic High School students in collaboratively work with MSU on their Alternative Spring Break efforts for this orphanage. Some current MSU Football players will be traveling down to the orphanage this spring break and will be filmed for the May 15<sup>th</sup> event.

Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Thursday

Proposed location: Breslin Center

Note: VIP reception at Eagle Eye 4-530pm

Estimated Count: 1000 for dinner

Proposed time: Cocktail reception in concourse 530-630pm. Dinner starting at 715pm. Program starting during dessert – 815pm. Program ending by 10pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: TERRY BRADSHAW

Draft program agenda:

Golf Outing at Eagle Eye – during day at leisure

VIP reception – sponsor donors – 4-530pm

Terry Bradshaw transported to Breslin at 530pm

Cocktail Reception in Breslin (concourse) Cash Bar – 530-630pm

Dinner served: 715pm (mostly preset if possible)

Program starting at 815pm- MC Tim Stoudt

- Introductions of Tom Mallone (Prin. Of LCC)/John Shinsky-City of Children Orphanage
- Tom Mallone – Welcome/ John Shinsky – Welcome
- Tom Mallone – intro to Mon. Murphy
- Mon. Murphy – Award Presentation to the Eydes
- Eydes – Thank you & Acceptance
- Tim Stoudt – Into of George Perles
- George Perles to introduce Terry Bradshaw
- Terry Bradshaw - Guest Speaker
- Tim Stoudt to end the program – big thanks/end prayer