



# Mid-Michigan Parrot Head Club News

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## September 16, 2007

September 16 was a busy day for the club, as we had both the Alzheimer's Memory Walk and Hike for Hospice. It was a beautiful day, and we had a good turn out at both events.

Our final total donation for Alzheimer's Assoc. Memory Walk was \$2,260.

We're still waiting to hear a total for the Hike for Hospice.

## Go Green - Go White

Several MMPHC members have been spending some of their Saturdays in Spartan Stadium helping to keep the condiment areas stocked for concessions during home games. MSU donates money to various local charities for each person who helps out on game day., and club members are helping to raise money for the Holt Food Bank.

## Upcoming Events

October 18, 2007

Regular MMPHC meeting at 6:30pm... this time at Jimmy's on Chandler Road. This is a relatively new place, From Grand River in E. Lansing just head north on Abbot(t) until it turns into Chandler, and you should be able to find it.

October 20, 2007

Cadillac Club and MMPHC team up to raise money for Ronald McDonald House with our BEACH BASH.

November 1-4, 2007

Meeting of the Minds

The annual Parrothead Convention comes to Key West, FL once again. Go to <http://www.phip.com> and get your membership now ... they seem to sell out earlier and earlier every year. This is the biggest "party with a purpose" you've ever seen, and the entire island gets into the spirit of things.

March 8-15, 2008

Atlanta Parrot Head Club's annual Parrot Head Cruise Help raise money for Breast Cancer research, and have a GREAT time doing it. SOLD OUT - But go to <http://www.parrotheadcruise.com> for information on how you could still win 2 tickets in the raffle.

## MMPHC Elections

We will be voting for officers for 2008 at the November meeting. Terms start Jan. 1, 2008. Deadline for nominations is at the meeting at Jimmy's on Chandler on October 18, 2007.

Current candidates are:

President - Norm Spalding

Vice-President - Bill Shamick

Treasurer - Eric Greisinger

Secretary - Kim Dyer

Membership Chair (non-elected position) - Becky Greisinger

### MMPHC - Officers

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## President's Perch

by Gail LaLonde

Hello Parrotheads!

It is with excitement that I write my last Parrots Perch. Excitement because I hate writing these articles. Excitement because my time at the helm is over and I can again blend into the woodwork.. Excitement that a new board is coming in and that they can hopefully get your attention and get you all to participate with the club. Excitement over what we as a club have accomplished during my two years as president. I feel I can turn this club over with my head held high knowing that I did my absolute best to keep the club moving in the right direction. I am sure there are some of you out there that would disagree with me: and to you I challenge that you start attending meetings and making your voice heard.

We have a great event coming up on Oct 20th. I would love to see all of you there. I know there are many of you that I have not had a chance to meet, please stop in and say Hi. The decorating will begin at Noon if anyone would like to help out on that. Otherwise, we will see you when the doors open at 7:30. Don't forget the chance on a great door prize just for purchasing a ticket.

I would like to take just a minute to thank the board, without them I am not sure where I would be today. They all have such great ideas and their huge commitment to the club it is just overwhelming. I am sure the new board taking on the task in January will be just as awesome. I want to thank all the members that continually come to meetings and events and to everyone who has helped out and shown support for the club and to me as well -- you all are great!

I hope to see all of you in the near future at some event somewhere!

Adieu, Farewell, Fond Parting and PHINS OUT

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HGTV's 2008 Dream Home is being built in the Florida Keys on Islamorada, just a short drive from Key West. Go to <http://www.hgtv.com> for details on how you can win.

**We are not Parrot Heads because we are Jimmy Buffett fans (even though we definitely ARE Jimmy Buffett fans).**

**We are Parrot Heads because:**

**We love the ocean.**

**We love our planet.**

**We love to have fun.**

**We are Parrot Heads because:**

**We are not afraid to be silly.**

**We are not afraid to act foolish.**

**We are not afraid to love.**

**We are Parrot Heads because:**

**We like having a cocktail & sharing some laughs with friendly people.**

**We like playing in the sun with those same people.**

**We like singing songs (preferably loud) that express these things.**

**We are Parrot Heads because:**

**We believe the best things in life cannot be bought**

**We believe sharing the best things make them better**

**We believe in the innate goodness in us all**

**We are Parrot Heads because:**

**We know shared joy is increased**

**We know shared pain is lessened**

**We know a good friend has value beyond measure**

**It just so happens that Jimmy Buffett sings about ALL of these things**

**SO ... we are not Parrot Heads because we are Jimmy Buffett fans.**

**We are Jimmy Buffett fans because we are Par Heads**

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## Share Your Ideas!

Do you have a great idea for a charity or cause we can support as a club? Do you have an idea for a fun social activity we can do together? Someplace new and fun to have a Happy Hour? Speak up! It's the participation of the membership that makes or breaks a club ... so help make this one great.