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## *That's No Elvis Imitator!*

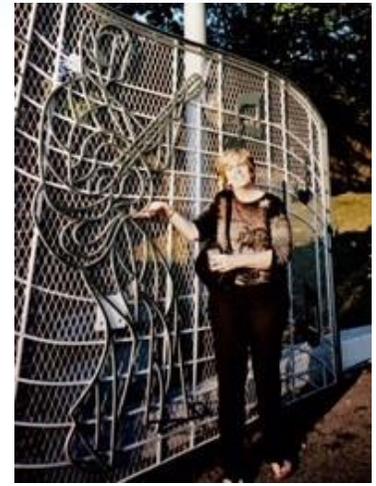
Submitted by Club Member, Sandra Lightfoot.

When Elvis burst on the scene all those many, many years ago in the early 50's, my girlfriends and I would sit around the "record player" and play his songs over and over and swoon and scream - we probably drove our parents' nuts! Over the years I had seen him 4 times in person - at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, once in L.A. and twice in Las Vegas.

In 1971 my roommate and I decided to head for Las Vegas to try to see him at the International Hotel. We hopped in her Volkswagen and headed across the desert - with a dust storm coming after us. We beat the storm in to Vegas and went downtown and played a Keno game and won -- not a lot of money but we were poor working girls and it was exciting to win any amount! We were on our way to find a motel and (much to our dismay) the car battery was dead! It was a long wait to get it started and we were getting rather discouraged. Finally, we were rolling and found a motel on the strip. We tried to get tickets to see Sammy Davis Jr. but the show was sold out so we decided to go to our favorite hotel at that time - The Sahara.

We eased on up to a Blackjack table and tentatively put down a few bucks (one could play for \$2 a hand back then). It was our first time playing at one of the Las Vegas "tables" and we were very nervous - what if we forgot how to count!! After a short time, a man came and stood between us and played \$500 and lost it. We were astonished but he wasn't fazed at all. His name was Jim Reagan and a promoter from Memphis. He proceeded to show us how to play the game and even covered our losses! Man, we had a crowd behind us and he was winning and winning; the casino bosses kept bringing in new dealers to try and break him. We were wishing someone would come along that we knew to see all this. We were there until about 2AM! When we were ready to leave, Security escorted Mr. Reagan away with a tray full of chips! What an exciting night at the "table" for us first-timers!

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Sandra Lightfoot at Graceland

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## *The Night Elvis Kissed Me* Continued from Page 1

Long story short – Mr. Reagan asked us if we were going to see Elvis and we told him the show was sold out. He said to come back and meet him the next night at the hotel - we would go to dinner and then to see ELVIS!! Yikes, we were ecstatic and the next day (with our Blackjack winnings) got our hair done, bought a new dress and got all gussied up for our big night.

Well, true to his word Mr. Reagan was there to meet us the next night. We went to dinner at the Sahara (Jim slipped them \$100 bucks to get us in and out in an hour). Then we hopped a cab to the International Hotel and he headed to a Blackjack table to play! We thought - uh -oh - are we going to see ELVIS or not? The line to get in snaked all through the casino! But all of a sudden he said - "let's go" and I don't know how much he gave the guy at the door but we were led to a FRONT BOOTH!! By this time we were so excited we could hardly stand it. Jim had brought a friend with him and had picked up a Keno girl so there were 5 of us sitting close to the stage and sipping champagne – talk about “uptown girls”! If our friends could see us now!!

By the time ELVIS came out we were just in awe - what a handsome hunk! He sang all the favorite songs we loved and looked wonderful in his white jumpsuit. ELVIS was slim and so handsome and that voice - like no other - ever! (But, he wasn't giving out scarves then - darn it.) Boy did he look good! Be still my heart – it was a dream come true!

There were long tables fanning out from the stage and during the course of the show, girls would go down to get a kiss at either end of the stage. I thought I would be different and squeezed through a couple of the tables down to center stage and was almost hanging off some guy's back in the front row when ELVIS came across the stage. I was the only one there! ELVIS was talking to the audience and started to go to the back of the stage when this guy called out to him and said "ELVIS, get this girl off my back"!!! ELVIS came forward, bent down and gave me the most wonderful, soft, kiss on the lips! OH MY!! I almost fell over, but managed to stagger back to my seat in the booth! If only I had a picture of **that moment**, but there were no iPhones back then!

That was one of the best nights ever in my life. My friend and I went back to our room and called everyone we could think of to tell them all about our incredible night. Everyone knows I have been a lifetime fan of ELVIS. When I retired in the fall of 2006 my Company (Frito-Lay) gave me the gift of a 'Graceland Package' complete with all the tours, a room at the Heartbreak Hotel, and airfare. Even after all these years, I had never been to Memphis but went in September 2006. My good friend Suzanne from Toronto (who is another life-long fan of Elvis) met me in Memphis and we had an awesome time. When you go through Graceland, you can feel his presence. We toured the Sun Studio and that was just the best. I think you can get a feeling of him so much more there because that is where it all started when a very young ELVIS went there to record a song for his mother. He contributed so much to the music business – what a voice! I still get goose bumps when I hear him. He also contributed a lot to charities – a generous guy. It is so very sad that he left us much too soon (in 1977) at the young age of 42! One can only imagine what could have been...

**AN “ELVIS FOREVER” FAN** - Sandra Lightfoot, Irvine, California

*“Cuz I'm an an Elvis imitator and I just can't stop. Imitating Elvis from the bottom to the top. Imitate the way he talked, the way he smiled. I throw away my scarf and make the crowd go wild. This imitation Elvis may not be the king, But baby I'm the next best thing...”*

*Jimmy Buffett*





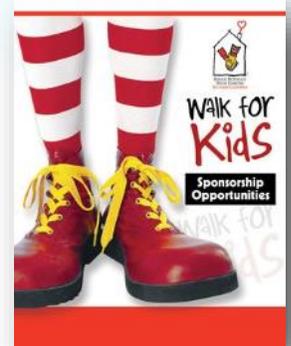
# Upcoming Events

“You can hear it on the Coconut Telegraph, sayin’ who did dis and dat...”

Jimmy Buffett

## Sunday, April 3rd – Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids

We will be manning the water station again for the walking participants of the Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids. The walk will be held at The Honda Center. Contact A.J. Johncox for details & times... [landshrakaj@aol.com](mailto:landshrakaj@aol.com).



## Walk To End Multiple Sclerosis—Saturday, April 30th

The OCPHC will once again participate in the MS walk. Last year we raised nearly \$3,600 to help stamp out Multiple Sclerosis. The walk will again be held on the campus of UCI. Check-in is at 7:00 am. The walk starts at 8:00 am. This is an easy 1 hour walk through the campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes and your finest Parrot Head concert attire. The club will bring the Jimmy Buffett tunes to bring along. The walk is wheel chair accessible.

### April Phlocking

Saturday, April 16th 1pm to 5pm  
 Newport Harbor Elks Lodge  
 3456 Via Oporto Newport Beach, CA 92663  
 Charity: The Elks Lodge Purple Pig Program to support the unmet needs of children with disabilities. Bring your spare change to fill The Purple Pig. Bring additional funds for raffles.  
 Music: Nashville recording artist Matt Koerner

### May Phlocking

Saturday, May 21st 1pm to 5pm  
 Lopez & Lefty's  
 1759 S. Claudina Way Anaheim, CA 92805  
 Charity: Ronald McDonald House  
 Bring “he” style laundry detergent and dryer sheets.  
 Music: Jerry Gontang





# Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band

*“Its just a Cuban crime of passion...  
Yeah, but that’s what the people like to read  
about, up in America...”*

*Jimmy Buffett*

## *Buffett in Cuba for Baseball, The Stones and Margaritaville Havana?*

Jimmy Buffett attended a baseball game between The Tampa Bay Rays and the Cuban National Team and appeared on Sports Center last month. It was the first game involving an MLB team in Cuba since 1999. Also attending the game were President Obama, his family, Secretary of State John Kerry, and Cuban President Raul Castro. The Rays defeated the Cuban team 4-1.

Jimmy performed at a reception for Major League Baseball while in Havana as well. Buffett’s good friend Frank Marshall joined on guitar during Margaritaville.

Buffett then attended a historic Rolling Stones concert from backstage...

*The crowd was lightly sprinkled with glitterati, including Richard Gere, who posed for snapshots with a dozen young Cuban journalists. Jimmy Buffett, leader of the Parrot Heads, allowed that he hoped to perform soon in Havana – perhaps next year. “Living in Key West, it has been so close for so long, but it’s been so far for so long too,” said Buffett, dressed for the occasion in shorts and flip-flops.*

Jimmy wrapped up his trip at a cocktail reception where he rubbed elbows with top White House advisors. He is said to be exploring the possibility of bringing his Margaritaville restaurant chain to The Pearl of the Antilles, Havana Cuba.



# Phlocking Phun!

“If we couldn’t laugh,  
we would all go insane...”

Jimmy Buffett



Lopez & Lefty



Uncle Monkey



Arye's Ink



Chillin' at The Cantina



# Phlocking Phun!

“ The weather is here, wish you were beautiful...”

Jimmy Buffett



Great Food and Phriends



Bucket Brigade



Bob Karwin



Cheese!



Hangin' Loose!



Laundry Supplies for The Ronald McDonald House



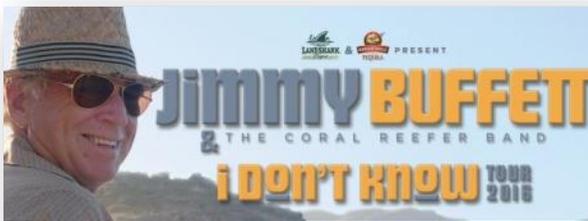


# Parrot Head Phriends, Clubs, Music and Other Happenings

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*"Find me and that's where I'll be."*

Jimmy Buffett



## 2016 Tour Dates

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|-------------------------------|--|
| April 16th Virginia Beach, VA | August 18th Bangor, ME                                       |
| April 19th Birmingham, AL     | August 20th Mansfield, MA                                    |
| April 21st Raleigh, NC        | August 23rd Pittsburgh, PA                                   |
| April 23rd Charlotte, NC      | August 25th Wantagh, NY                                      |
| May 26th Nashville, TN        | August 27th Camden, NJ                                       |
| May 28th Frisco, TX           | September 1st Omaha, NE                                      |
| May 31st Orange Beach, AL     | September 23rd Paris, France                                 |
| June 2nd Atlanta, GA          | September 24th Paris, France                                 |
| June 4th Houston, TX          | October 20th Sacramento, CA                                  |
| June 18th Detroit, MI         |  |
| June 21st Cincinnati, OH      | There are rumors of an October event in Southern California. |
| June 23rd Indianapolis, IN    | Stay Tuned for details...                                    |
| June 25th Chicago, IL         |  |



THE 25th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2016!  
The title of this year's event is "Here We Are."

2016 WILL be a great year in sunny Key West come November! I know November seems so long away but you need to register early for MOTM. MOTM registration closes at 3,500 or by September 15th, whichever comes first. You can register for Meeting of The Minds @ <http://www.phip.com/motmregistration> Cayo Hueso, here we come!

## Peter Mayer to play at the Key West Songwriter's Festival



Peter and Brendan Mayer will perform on the [Fury Sunset Sail, May 7th!](#) Don't miss the opportunity to hear "Susannah When the Sun Goes Down" and MORE! on the beautiful waters surrounding Key West! Tickets are available at: The Fury Sunset Sail website. The Key West Songwriters Festival – the largest festival of its kind in the world. Celebrating its 21st year. Since 1997 BMI has been a presenting sponsor of the festival and has helped it grow into both a tourist attraction and favorite of island locals. The festival revolves around five days and nights where live music bliss introduces crowds to the faces, voices and stories behind the songs.





## What's Shakin' at Margaritaville?

*"I won't make my music for money,  
no I'm gonna make my music for me..."*

Jimmy Buffett

## Is Margaritaville the most valuable song ever?

From Forbes: "With Hotels Now Bearing Its Name, Is 'Margaritaville' The Most Valuable Song Ever?"

Most songs never get heard by many people and don't make any money, some become hits and bring in the dough and help make stars, and then every once in a while there comes along a track that has more earning power than some companies. Those songs are special, and they end up becoming much more than just music. Jimmy Buffett's "Margaritaville" is one such song, and if that doesn't surprise you, the amount of money it generates every year will.

The single is Buffett's biggest hit to date, and the only top ten of his career. "Margaritaville" made it to number eight on the Hot 100 back in 1977, and it remains a fan favorite. In the decades since, the track has continued to sell well (for a catalog item), but its power has grown far beyond the chords and the melody. By this point, it might just be the most intensely merchandised song of all time. It isn't strange that there are Margaritaville-branded mixes, tequila, or even beer and bar snacks, but the name has now been attached to so much more. There are Margaritaville restaurants, footwear, apparel and now, a chain of resorts is popping up.

Last year, the Margaritaville brand generated more than \$1 billion in sales across all categories, and only a small fraction of that money comes from sales, streams, or plays of the song. The sheer number of products that now bear the now-famous song title is amazing, and the money keeps pouring in. With revenues like that, it's entirely possible that "Margaritaville" has made more money than any other track in history.

## What's In Your Blender?



### Last Mango in Paris Margarita

#### Ingredients:

- 8 oz Margaritaville Mango Margarita Mix
- 3 oz Margaritaville Tequila
- 2 cups ice
- 3 Tbs Margaritaville Mango Margarita Salt
- 2 lime wedges
- 2 slices Mango

Combine margarita mix, tequila and ice in blender and blend until smooth. Spread margarita salt out on a plate & moisten edge of glasses with lime wedge. Coat lip of glass with salt, pour your frozen concoction and enjoy!





# Member News

## Trips Around The Sun

### April Birthdays

Michelle Bridges  
Geff Bridges  
David Jensen  
Connie Jensen  
Mark Lokovic  
Lisa Morris  
Kim Mullen  
Heather Papirio  
Dan Watts  
Kathy Reinoehl  
Jack Rice  
Linda Rogers  
Erica Shields  
Roland Spena  
Tom Welles

### May Birthdays

Becky Birek  
John Buchanan  
David McKerr  
Bob Middleton  
Bill Morehouse  
Craig Oosdyke  
Peggy Oosdyke  
Curtis Waldschmidt  
Dale Becker  
Wendy Wilfer



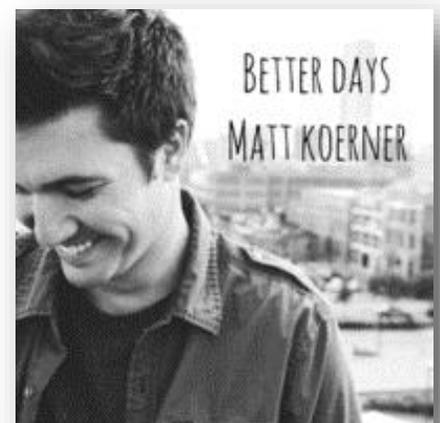
### June Birthdays

Heather Dinsdale  
Suzan Langlois  
Georgina Leslie  
Virginia Lokovic  
Bunny Morris  
Kristie Robinson  
Lisa Waldschmidt



### *Matt Koerner—Featured Musician*

We've got a budding Nashville Country Star playing at our April Phlocking. Orange County Native Matt Koerner brings his Country Pop-Rock Style of music to The Newport Harbor Elks Lodge on April 16th to entertain the Phlock. When Matt is home you can find him playing on Balboa Island and in Villa Park. Matt now resides in Nashville Tennessee where he is working on advancing his career in music.



Check out our phlock  
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