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Last Mango in Irvine for Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band

Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band played for the last time at The Irvine Meadows Amphitheater in Irvine on Saturday, October 22nd. The OCPHC was the national host for The Last Mango in Irvine Party. Word of the party went out on the club Facebook page and a pre-concert tailgate was planned near the event. Several club members joined the official Club RV to help prepare for the party. Much to our surprise, more than 10 additional RVs from all across the country joined us to get ready and gear up for the concert. Our old friend Jimmy Groovy showed up in costume and added to the pre-concert fun.

Once inside the parking lot, Jerry Gontang played to the huge crowd around the OCPHC event site. A.J.'s famous Cheeseburgers in Paradise were on the grill all were partying just like Bubba does in preparation for the concert. Once inside the venue, Jimmy and the CRB did not disappoint. The 26 song set included a tribute to Jimmy's friend, Glenn Frey of The Eagles, who recently passed away. The show concluded in appropriate fashion with an acoustic version of Lovely Cruise. Several club members related to the fact that they saw the first and last Buffett shows at Irvine Meadows. This one was a great send off for the iconic music venue. Sail on Irvine Meadows Amphitheater...



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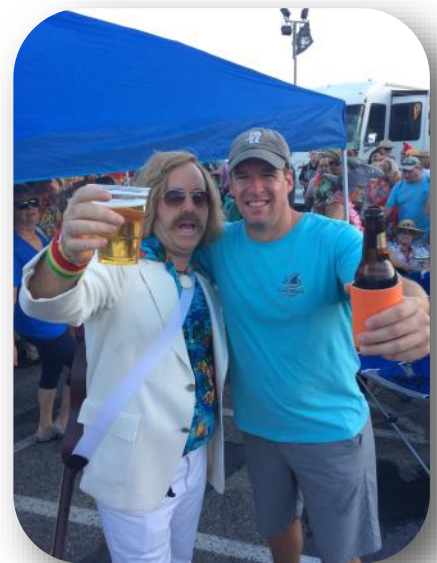
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Illinois School Teacher Andy Leve Joins The OCPHC at Irvine Meadows Concert.

Thank you to the Orange County Parrot Head Club for their wonderful hospitality at Jimmy's final show at Irvine Meadows Amphitheater on 10/22/16. As a huge Buffett fan, I wanted to see Jimmy as many times as possible this season during The I Don't Know Tour. The Irvine show was the only show that fit my schedule when I decided to see him again. Unfortunately, none of my friends were willing to travel with me. But that will NEVER stop me. So I booked a flight and a hotel room, and I found a ticket on StubHub. On a whim, I decided to google "southern California parrot heads," and I came across the Orange County Parrot Head Club. I contacted them and explained that I was coming out solo from Chicago and asked if I could "glom on" to their tailgate. I explained that I would not be able to bring any food or beverage due to my situation. A day later, I got a reply from Mark telling me that they'd be glad to have me, and we exchanged cell numbers so that we could find each other. Upon arriving at Irvine Meadows, I had no idea what to expect. I'd been to 25+ Buffett shows in my life, and I normally host the tailgate for my friends and family at the Tinley Park, IL show every year. After I spotted the OCPHC flag on top of an RV at the end of a parking aisle, I made my way down to the party. And when I say "party," I mean PARTY!!! OCPHC knows how to do it right! I asked the first person I saw if they could point me to Mark. Little did I know he was literally right next to me. I introduced myself, and Mark grabbed me a beer and a Koozie (or a "Huggie" as we call them where I live). I stepped aside and watched the live singer, as Mark seemed busy checking people in. When things slowed down, I got a chance to chat with Mark some, and he explained that OCPHC raises money for the Heroes Hall Veteran's Foundation. What an awesome cause to be a part of. I donated \$50 on the spot. Here I was thinking I was just attending another tailgate. It was then that Mark asked me if I sing. I'm not even sure I had the chance to reply before he whisked me away, and before I knew it I was singing "Volcano" with Mark and Jerry Gontang! After my "performance," I wandered the RV lot to find the Cubs/Dodgers game (sorry Dodger fans). I watched a few innings of that before returning to the tailgate. At that point, I got to meet Mark's wife, his daughter, and her friend and talk with them briefly. About this time, it was time to start wrapping up the tailgate and head into the show. I helped take down the flag and in any other way that I could before wandering off. Not going to lie, I went back to the RV with the Cubs' game on to watch them finish off the Dodgers. Did I mention the Cubs are the 2016 World Series Champs? ;) I was unable to return to the tailgate or get in touch with Mark after the show had ended, but I can say this; the Orange County Parrot Head Club is nothing but a class act. Friendly, fun, hospitable people who welcomed me (and anyone else) with open arms. That's what Parrot Heads are all about. Not to mention, they are a HELLUVA lot of fun! I'm hoping I'll get the chance to meet up with the OCPHC again in the future and I will definitely keep in touch with my new found Phriends! Until then....FINS UP!!

Andy Leve—Coal City, IL



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

Jimmy Buffett



The OCPHC participated in the first Tilleritaville at Tustin Tiller Days on Friday, September 30th. Our club sold donated, Hawaiian shirts & Coozies and raffled off two tickets to the upcoming Irvine Meadows Concert. Proceeds benefitted Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation. Mark Wood & The Parrot Head Band performed at the event.



Debi & Vikki's Excellent Adventure to ...



For 5 years, I have anticipated my return to Key West for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of MOTM! If you've been there, you know why you want to go back. The island is charming, the people are so friendly and let's not leave out the roosters and 6 toed cats! There really is nothing like waking up to roosters crowing from every direction.

Vikki and I traveled together for this adventure which began with me arriving from Cabo San Lucas at 5:30pm in Orange County. We needed to make a red eye flight at 10:00pm at LAX. We did it! Our stars were aligned!

There are two ways to get to Key West...you can fly there with a connection in Atlanta or Miami, or you can do what we did...make the drive down US1 aka 'the overseas highway'. We flew into Ft. Lauderdale on a direct flight from LAX and arrived at 5:30am on Thursday morning to begin our drive down the Keys. The drive down to Key West can be done in 3-1/2 hours, but there's so much to see, beautiful islands, lots of animals and birds, and many landmark bars to stop at! We were on our way! There were a few items on our 'to-do' list, including looking for manatees and the elusive Key Deer on Big Pine Key, searching for the 'best' Key Lime Pie, and let's not forget the hunt for the Rum Jumbie!!!

Our first stop was at Lorelei's on Islamorada as we heard they had great Key Lime Pie... what a treat we were in for. There, right in front of us, basking in the shallow water, warming in the sun, was a very large Manatee, just waiting for us! Oh my goodness, amazing!!! You can only hope to see this magnificent animal in the wild. Next up were the Egrets and Ibis and lots of them, as well as a brown shark. Our lucky morning for sure. We were also excited to learn that in addition to killer Key Lime Pie, that Lorelei's has the 'best' Key Lime Colada...well, we're Parrot Heads, right? Who cares if its only 10:30 in the morning...time for a Key Lime Colada. It's 5:00 somewhere, right? We couldn't dawdle too long though...so much to do and so little time! So back on the road we went.



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Next stop for us was the liquor store, by now, they were open. And there on the shelf just waiting for us were 2 bottles of Rum Jumbie! We bought them out and we were on our way to find us some Key Deer. I had never seen one before so I was excited for sure.

Big Pine Key is home to these large dog-sized deer. With Vikki at the wheel, we wandered through the streets until we came upon a couple staring quietly at a single deer in the front yard of a home. So exciting!! Then this little gal decided she wanted to come across the street, right in front of our car! She went up the lawn at the neighbor's house where she joined 3 more deer!!! Bu wait, here comes another baby deer through the bushes. Yes, there were 5 deer all together, just watching us watch them. Holy Moly!!! This was just too much! We needed a drink! Off to the No Name Pub we went. Over 100 years old and over a \$1 million dollars on the walls!



After a beautiful drive over the Seven Mile Bridge, numerous bird sightings including Frigatebirds, Osprey and Belted Kingfishers...and almost running over Bob Karwin riding a bicycle with his guitar on his back, we finally arrived at our destination, the Wicker Guest House, right on Duvall St. The best way to do Key West is by bicycle, so once we parked the car, we didn't get in it again until it was time to leave. Our bicycles were delivered right to the hotel, so after decorating our bikes with bells, leis and lights (orange, of course!), we set off for our scheduled catamaran sunset cruise with Trop Rockin' Magazine. Thom Shepard and Coley McCabe were playing and anytime on the water would be great. We made it and the water was wonderful. There was a cat full of parrot heads from all over and the music was great. Were we still up? 30 hours and going strong!

Next up, find some OC friends at Turtle Kraals where The Detentions are playing, and have some dinner at Schooner's Wharf with the Island Time Band and more OC friends. Before we left, we had downloaded the music schedule for the weekend. One of the great things about MOTM is not only all of the music that happens at the Casa Marina (the hotel that hosts the event on 2 outdoor stages), but the Trop Rock Music Awards are also held that week, so even bands not scheduled to play the event are in town. There's trop rock music to be heard in all the various bars around town morning to night. So, after dinner it was on to see The Big Bamboo Band at the Smokin' Tuna. So strange without Jim Morris, but they rocked the Tuna! A bike ride to the Southernmost Point at 1am and we were done!!!



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Friday had us heading the Casa Marina to register, get our goodie bag and check out the Mini Mart. Lots of cool, expensive stuff to buy there. We were disappointed to have missed Lucy Buffett signing her cookbook, but it was time for lunch. Vikki had never been to Louie's Backyard, so off we went. The old Victorian House is beautiful, the food is great and the view is even better. It was quiet when we go there but that was about to change for us. To our great surprise, the hostess sat our first celebrity sighting right in front of us! Lucy Buffett, Tom Corcoran, Mike Utley and Mac McAnally! Right in front of us! We could hear their conversation! Vikki had to listen to Mac regale their table about the 7th game of the World Series, he was obviously a Cubs fan (Vikki's an Indian's fan)! Oh my goodness - too much! Next up was the Roof Top Bar to see Latitude, Tom and Michelle Becker. I'd never heard them live and they were great. So engaging and fun. We need them here in So Cal. Next stop was Kelly's (as in Kelly McGillis of Top Gun fame) to see Bob Karwin (Trop Rock Entertainer of the Year) and Sunny Jim playing on the patio. The place was packed with lots of Parrot Heads having a great time. Did you know that Kelly's is the legendary home of Pan Am Airlines and it has the oldest fresh water well on the island? We decided that today would be a great day to watch sunset in Mallory Square. You have to do this at least once on your trip there. Hundreds of people gather, there are side shows and food, not to mention lots of friends you run in to. Just beautiful! Friday night had us back at Schooners for some dinner with Kelly and Camille and the Big Bamboo Band. Next stop, Capt. Tony's to watch the Boat Drunks rock the house. With our fill of a large boisterous crowd, we decided to go ride around the cemetery. It was close to midnight, when else would you do that? The cemetery is a very interesting place, it's so old and filled with lots of spirits, very cool indeed.

Wow, we made it to Saturday! The big Casa Marina event day, but there was so much else to do first! Vikki and I signed up to walk the Zonta Breast Cancer 5K. We were up early and on our way to the Casa. The next of our celebrity sightings happened as we were locking up the bikes. We look up and whom is jogging by us you ask? Mr. Mike Utley! Out for his morning exercise. So cool. The walk was beautiful along the beach, so much to sightsee, birds galore. And did I mention the sunrise? As we finished our walk and made our way back to the bikes, our third celebrity sighting - Peter Mayer chatting under the palapa. So fun for us. Next up, breakfast at Pepe's. Try it if you never have. It's over 100 years old too. So much history. Then do a little shopping before heading to the main event. Walking past B.O.'s Fish Wagon, our fourth celebrity sighting and this was a good one for sure. There, having some lunch, Mac McAnally and Toby Keith!!! Say what?!? This was good! Did we know something no one else knew? We also saw another manatee and a green heron. Just too much!!! Now, off to the Casa!



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What a wonderful afternoon and evening with our friends from the OCPHC. The music was amazing! Marshall Chapman was in great form. If you've never enjoyed her music, give it a go. Next up was Ramajay Intercoastal and a few Coral Reefer! Wow, outstanding reggae and rock...and the Son of a Son of a Sailor album beginning to end! And then, as it had been announced a bit earlier, the special guest of the day. No, Jimmy did not show up for the 25th Anniversary, but Toby Keith did!!! And what a show he gave us. He played with the Coral Reefers - Michael, Mac, Nadira, Robert - could we even believe our eyes and good fortune! That man was magnificent! This transitioned to the Coral Reefers, all of them and Toby! What a show, the crowd was so excited, singing and dancing! The Coral Reefers and Club Trini put on a wonderful show for all of us. Each member got to showcase their talent and songs, as well as all together performing all the Parrot Head favorites. Hours of fabulous music under the Key West sky and another beautiful sunset. The music went on into the night and the Parrot Heads did not disappoint. To wrap up the night, Jimmy and the Parrots came out and kicked some Parrot Head butt! Those boys sure know how to put on a high energy, fan appreciative show! At the end, dead tired Parrot Heads for as far as you could see. Another great Meeting of the Minds! We sure had a wonderful trip filled with great friends, fabulous music, good food, and beautiful scenery. We are some very fortunate Parrot Heads to partake in such a special event on a legendary island. See you at the 30th!

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, so Sunday morning it was time to hop in the car and head back up the keys, with a few more stops along the way, including brunch and music at Mangrove Mama's and one more Key Lime Colada at Lorelei's where our manatee came back to say farewell.



December Phlocking

Saturday, December 10th 2016

1:00 pm to 5:00pm Newport Harbor Elks Lodge

OCPHC Holiday Party!

3456 Via Oporto Newport Beach, CA

Charity - The Boys & Girls Club of Anaheim.

Bring an unwrapped toy to donate. Bring your spare change to Feed The Elks Lodge Purple Pig. Bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift for the gift exchange.

Baskets to Raffle. Food & Drink Specials.

Ho Ho Ho and a bottle of Rhum!



**Musical Guest
Bob Karwin**





November Phlocking

"It's a big time under the big top.
Don't ya' just love the sound!..."

Jimmy Buffett





Holiday Music & New Releases From The Coral Reefer Band



Jimmy Buffett Releases a New Christmas Album ~ Tis The Sea-Son

Christmas is here! 'Tis the Sea-Son', Jimmy Buffett's new holiday album is now available at Target, Walmart, Barnes & Noble and your favorite music store! You can also order online at iTunes and Amazon. A special white vinyl edition is available through Mailboat Records. Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rhum!

Mayer / Kirby / Mayer Acoustic Group La Casa Cayo Hueso

The Mayer/Kirby/Mayer trio is joined by Gary Green, Jim Mayer and Roger Guth, on this 80-minute CD, which was recorded live on the beach in Key West, November 7, 2015, during the Meeting of the Minds "A Salty Piece of Land" Convention. Available December 22nd.



A Coral Reefer Christmas

Raised on the sounds of the steel drum on the island of Trinidad, Robert Greenidge has become one of the pre-eminent pan players in the world. Also, a member of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, Robert joins his bandmates, Roger Guth (Drums), Jim Mayer (Bass), Michael Utley (Keyboards), Peter Mayer (Guitar), Ralph MacDonald (Percussion) and Mac McAnally (Guitar, Mandolin and Keyboard) to deliver the ultimate Island-flavored Christmas!





Other Happenings

*"Guess my life's moved at near light speed
Since I started this wild and crazy run
Such a long way from that first birthday
Merry Christmas, Everyone!"*

Jimmy Buffett



OCPHC Raises \$1,000 for Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation. A.J. presents check at Dedication.

The OCPHC's own Allen Johncox was on hand at The Heroes Hall Orange County Veteran's Museum dedication on November 11th at The Orange County Fairgrounds. The Hall is a museum dedicated to the lives and stories of Orange County Military Veterans. Through various events The OCPHC raised \$1,000 to donate to the foundation. The Hall will formally open in February of 2017. We are proud of our Military Veterans and our newest charity, The Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation.

January 2017 Phlocking To Feature Stars On The Water

Jerry Gontang and Stars On The Water will be playing at The Black Marlin in Tustin on Sunday, January 22nd from 2pm to 5pm. This event will take the place of our January Phlocking. More details to follow regarding this event on ocp hc.org.



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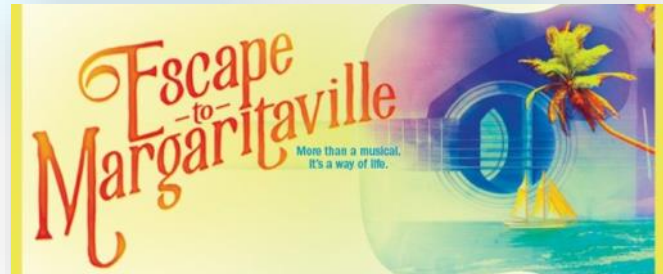


What's Shakin' at Margaritaville?

"It's my job, and without it I'd be less than what I expect from me..."

Jimmy Buffett

Escape to Margaritaville Coming to The La Jolla Playhouse in May 2017



The San Diego Union Tribune has an update on "Escape to Margaritaville" the musical built around the songs of Jimmy Buffett which is set to run at the La Jolla Playhouse in San Diego - May 16 to June 25, 2017: The planet's legions of "Parrotheads" can rejoice. Playhouse artistic chief Christopher Ashley, who is directing this very likely Broadway-bound musical, says Buffett himself has been deeply engaged in the ongoing development of the show.

"He's been very involved at every step," says Ashley "He's been part of every reading we've done, every staging workshop. "He's writing either one or two new songs for the score. And also just offering reflections on songs — talking about what the story impulse is in a song, and how do we bring it to theatrical life. He's right there at the center of those conversations."

The show, as mentioned previously, "is really not the story of Jimmy Buffett's life — although some of his songs are biographical," Ashley notes. "So various moments in his life have been given to various characters. I think if you know Jimmy Buffett's biography very well, you will recognize lots of things."

The Playhouse has previously described it as "the story of a tropical island resort and its part-time bartender, part-time singer and full-time charmer who thinks he's got life all figured out — until a beautiful, career-minded tourist steals his heart and makes him question everything."

What's In Your Blender?



Ginger Snap

Ingredients:

3/4 oz Margaritaville Spiced Rum

1/2 oz Ginger Brandy

4 oz Egg Nog

Blend Rum, Ginger Brandy and Egg Nog to desired consistency. Pour in your favorite glass and garnish with a ginger snap cookie.





Member News

Trips Around The Sun



Oct Birthdays

Michelle Buck
Ronnie Vaughan
Karen Chrissie
Donna Crabtree
Kathy Dimeo
Kelly Seim
John F. Mountain
Karynn LaMonda
Jake Sortino

Nov Birthdays

Kelley Stevens
Joe Crabtree
Cameron Dube
Kelly Harker
Zack McKerr
Chip Langlois
Cynthia Lokovic
Hannah Mahfood
Linsey Mahfood

Nov Birthdays

Michael Papirio
Douglas Papirio
Montana Reinoehl
Matthew Reinoehl
Claudia Repper
Patty Rice
Lynette Griffen

Dec Birthdays

Tom Borris
Yosh Kawasaki
Pam Reinoehl
Ellen Renzas
Pat Sortino
Jeff Stephens
Marcy Becker
Jimmy Buffett

Trop Rock Entertainer of the Year *Bob Karwin*



From CMT.com—Bob Karwin began his music career in 1990, playing to drunken mobs in the Irish pubs of Boston, Massachusetts. He quickly made a name for himself in Beantown by being able to tame an unruly crowd fired by Guinness and Jack Daniels using only his guitar and a microphone. In 1993, Bob packed up his Jeep and moved to sunny San Diego. His blend of humor and thoughtful song writing struck a chord with Southern Californians and he began to develop a following at his rowdy one man shows.

On stage, he has shared a bill with Barenaked Ladies and performed with luminaries of the sunburn circuit including members of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefers such as Greg "Fingers" Taylor, Amy Lee and Doyle Grisham. He is also regularly called upon to spice up events put on by Margaritaville Tequila.

Bob has been seen at national events such as "Six String Music" in New Orleans, "Phins to the West" in Laughlin, NV, and "Migration" in Long Beach, CA, as well as bars and Parrot Head Club phlockings too numerous to mention.

Information on Bob is available on-line at www.bobkarwin.com





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