

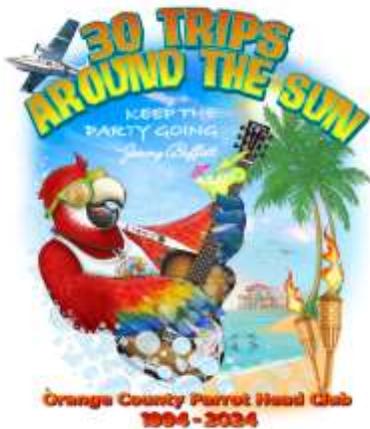


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The OCPHC Celebrates 30 Years of Partying With a Purpose *"Not Ready to Put The Book on The Shelf"*

Article by our founder AJ Johncox

The Orange County Parrot Head Club has turned 30 years old today. I was 39 years old when I began this mission to get an Orange County Parrot Heads Club started. As I now turn 70, in a couple of months, I've realized what a softy that I've become. It's difficult for me to talk about the club at times without crying tears of joy. The happiness I feel is even more difficult to put on paper without having tears stream down my face. Thank goodness I'm able to type on a laptop instead of smearing the ink on a handwritten story.

Many people have been curious as to how this all got started in Orange County with a bunch of people that had a love of Jimmy Buffett's music. Well, that detailed story doesn't need to be repeated here in this newsletter issue. The details were given in our 25th Anniversary Newsletter which you can find on our website, June 2019 Anniversary Issue. Instead of repeating myself like many of us old men do, I've chosen to give a very important 5-year update as well as address the future.

Our current board members, Dan Watts, Mark Lokovic, Becky Birek, Maria Howarth, Wes Thorough and Tom Borris are some of the most hardworking and dedicated Parrot Heads that I know. I'm very proud to call them friends. Their leadership has been an integral part of our club's ability to continue to support such local charities as the: Orange County Ronald McDonald House, Boys & Girls Club of Anaheim, Robyne's Nest, The Lone Palm Foundation, Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group, The Purple Pig, St. Killian's Food Pantry, The MS Walk, Alzheimer's Foundation, and the ALS Society of Orange County.



The Orange County Ronald McDonald House has been the longest active charity that we've supported since November of 1994. We have been providing laundry detergent and dryer sheets for use at the OCRMH for 30 years. We've also volunteered to hand out water at every one of the annual Walk For Kids.

OCRMH is now facing a new challenge that we are anxious to continue to assist in. A newly constructed house that is double the size of the old one will be opening very soon.



We have continued our pledge to be their sole provider of laundry detergent (now the modern hypoallergenic pods) and dryer sheets. Double the rooms means double the machines that the families staying there will be able to use. In addition, we will once again be able to cook meals for the families several times a year. Sharing a meal with these strong, positive families that are going thru a challenging time in their lives is quite inspirational.

We will continue to support all of our current charities and probably come up with some new ones. Make no mistake about it the OCPHC has made a major impact in helping our local Orange County charities.

Our website includes links for the charities and can give you a more detailed statement as to the mission of each charity.

You should all look forward to a fantastic 30th Anniversary Party at the Mission Viejo Elk's Lodge as we continue to "Party With A Purpose".

As you can tell, I'm very proud of our Board Members over the last 30 years. Everyone that has ever served as a member of our board is responsible for the success that we've had in surviving 30 years.

However, none of our accomplishments would have been possible without the strong support of our OCPHC Club Members.



Your Support Continues to Inspire Me

In 30 years we've lost some very memorable Parrot Head Friends. I'm sure that I'm going to miss some but, this time of reflection reminds me of members like Nellie Carlen, Debi Stephens, Larry Marasco, Jim Napora and the sometimes crazy, Carl Dominello. I apologize if I've missed anyone. Damn, here come the tears again.

Of course, September 1, 2023 hit us all like a ton of bricks when we lost our beloved Captain, Jimmy Buffett. Most of us went into shock and disbelief but, three days later we responded with an impromptu Labor Day Celebration of Jimmy's Life at the Rock & Brews in Tustin. 60 club members showed up to share their favorite songs, concert memories and to pay tribute to the person that led us down this path of Partying With A Purpose. Yes, while we may have been sad we still found a way to bring laundry donations for the OCRMH.

The Parrot Head Club message boards lit up with dire messages that this could be the end of our organizations. Well, we all proved that we are more resilient than that.

Over the years I've been asked by members, "What will happen when Jimmy quits touring?". Never could we imagine that the ultimate retirement would occur.

Thank God that his musical legacy and Radio Margaritaville remains.

As we found out, his message to the Coral Reefers was to "Keep the Party Going" and that we will do.

Since September 1st, I've listened to more Buffett music than ever before. Whether it be some of my favorite songs in my Apple playlist or past concerts on Radio Margaritaville. Of course, I still cry. Especially when the lyrics smack me in the face like his song on the Life on the Flip Side album, "Book on the Shelf".

Thank you to anyone that kept reading this rambling recap of the last 5 years. I remain forever thankful to every OCPHC member from the last 30 years that helped my dream continue. I've gone thru some dark times in my 69 years but, in 1994 it was the Orange County Parrot Head Club that saved my life.

As Jimmy said in the song, *He Went To Paris...*

*Through 86 years of perpetual motion, If he likes you he'll smile, then he'll say,
"Jimmy, some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, But I had a good life all the way"*

All of us can relate to that lyric because I'm sure that we've all gone thru peaks and valleys in our life. The OCPHC has been no exception. We will survive. In 1973, when I first saw Jimmy perform at The Troubadour in Hollywood, I never could have imagined what an impact he would have on all of our lives. My love and appreciation for Jimmy's music and the relationships that have resulted from it only gets stronger.



As I close, I want to share some lyrics from "Book on the Shelf"

I'm so damn lucky, to have an all star crew,
Some stoic, some crazy, some just passin' through.
I guess music and lyrics are what I do best.
I'm all done explaining or passing' some test.
So pour me another, it's good for my health,
I'm not ready to put the book on the shelf.
Friends, you can decide which one you are,
but remember that I love you all. Bubbles Up!
AJ Johncox, Founder of The OCPHC.

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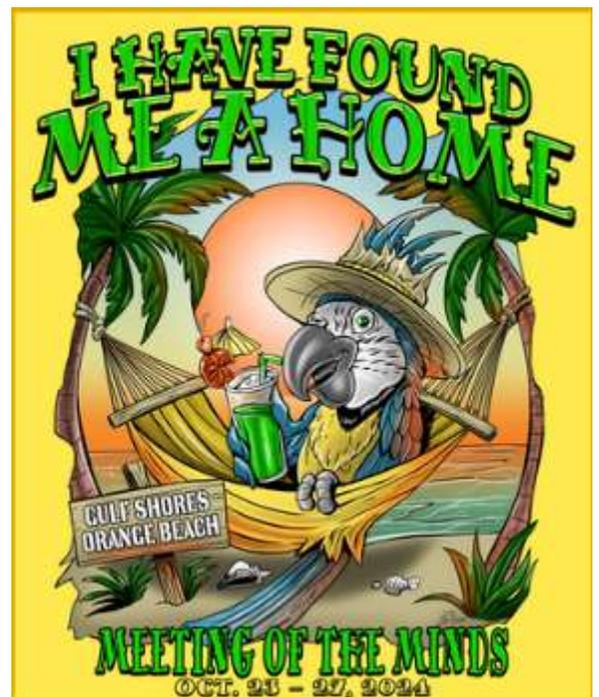
Meet Coral Reefer - Tina Gullickson



A native Californian, Tina has been involved in entertainment and the arts all her life. As a teen, she began working as the host of a local television show, commercial actress and model. Music became the passion that would direct her future towards recording and live performances with numerous acts. This led to appearances in music videos on camera and behind the scenes as a producer and stylist. Most notably, and fortunately in the winter of 1995, she was invited to join Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, a job she considers to be the best in the world. Almost 30 years of touring and recording with Jimmy and her wonderful band mates, has made a career of good fortune and fun. Tina feels so lucky and grateful to have had this incredible opportunity. When not touring with the Coral Reefers, she has had an ongoing interest in promoting the benefits of hemp products as an ecological and health resource. A lifelong Vegan and supporter of animal rights fulfills her life. philosophy.

Meeting of The Minds 2024 Returns To Gulf Shores Alabama

for the second year in a row, Meeting of The Minds, the National Parrot Heads in Paradise Convention will be held in Gulf Shores Alabama, Oct 23rd through the 27th. The Hangout will be the Headquarters with additional events held at LuLu's & Flora-bama. The Coral Reefer Band will be in attendance along with Sunny Jim, Donny Brewer, Brent Burns, Jesse Rice, The Boat Drunks, Jimmy & The Parrots, Bob Karwin, Wheeland Brothers and a whole lot more Trop Rock Talent. Registration is \$229.00. Register at www.motm.rocks





Margaritaville Parrot Bobblehead with a Cause Unveiled to Celebrate Jimmy Buffett

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum unveiled an officially-licensed Margaritaville Bobblehead to celebrate the life and legacy of beloved singer-songwriter, Jimmy Buffett, and raise funds for his Singing for Change Foundation. The bobblehead featuring the iconic Margaritaville parrot is available exclusively from the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum.

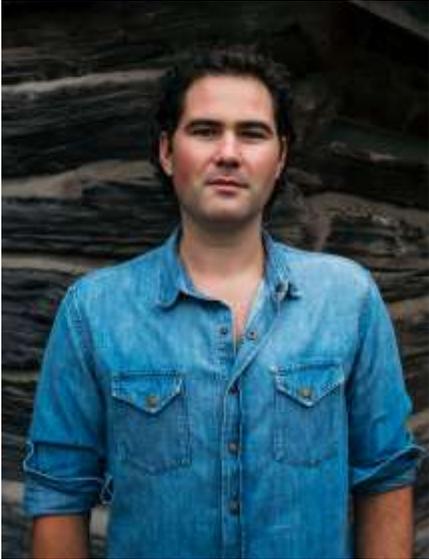
The bobblehead features a colorful parrot wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a backward baseball cap while playing the guitar. With "MARGARITAVILLE" written across the front. The base features a sand texture on the top with a bamboo-like border.

The limited edition bobbleheads are currently available for pre-order exclusively through the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum's Online Store. The bobbleheads which will ship to customers in June, are \$30 each plus a flat-rate shipping charge of \$8 per order. <https://store.bobbleheadhall.com/products/margaritaville>

Cruise con nos amigos as we set sail on the Norwegian Bliss. We'll cast off from Los Angeles on Sunday, March 16th 2025 for 8 days, 7 nights, visiting Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Ensenada Mexico returning on Sunday March 23rd. Joining you on the cruise will be Bob Karwin, Jeff Pike, Erica Sunshine Lee and The Jonas Lorence Band. Jerry Gontang and friends will perform at the Parrot Cruise Bon Voyage Party. The Parrot Head Cruise supports the Atlanta Parrot Head Club's Fight Against Breast Cancer. Parrot Head Cruises have raised over \$455,000 for charity. Prices start at \$1,492 per person for an inside cabin and peak at \$1,861 per person for Club Balcony Suites. For more information or to register go to www.parrotheadcruise.com. Yo quiero a bailar en Mexico!

The Atlanta Parrot Head Club Presents **Parrothead Cruise 2025**





Meet Mick Utley

Mick Utley is a writer, producer, composer, and keyboardist from Los Angeles. He spent his childhood playing piano and went on to study jazz at The University of Miami. It was there that he fell in love with writing music and playing in bands. Through his exposure to the recording process at that time, he started experimenting with production. With years of writing, recording, producing, and touring under his belt, he has a multi-faceted background that also lends experience and creativity to composing for film and television. He has cuts with major recording artists like Jimmy Buffett, as well as writing and production credits with many up-and-coming artists (Athena, DAVIS, Nilka).

He has writing and production placements on a myriad of networks such as Showtime (Shameless) and MTV (Siesta Key, Teen Mom, Jersey Shore). He also works with production libraries (Velvet Green Music/Bulletproof Bear) and has commercial credits (including the official Marquita Bradshaw campaign for US Senate). Additionally, he produced and hosted At Home With the Coral Reefer Band for Margaritaville TV and Radio Margaritaville. He toured with Jimmy Buffett as a member of The Coral Reefer Band until late 2023. Mick continues to tour with The CRB as well as his band, Floating Collective, whose debut album will be released on Mailboat Records in Fall 2024.

The Floating Collective

Bringing together decades of musical experience, Floating Collective was born with members Mick Utley, Brendan Mayer, and Erin McAnally at the helm. By making it a collective, the idea is that others can collaborate and come and go like floats in the ocean. All three children are members of the Coral Reefer Band, Floating Collective is a testament to the bond of the creative and familial connections of a band of musicians who have been inextricably linked for decades.

On the Run, the first single from the collective embodies a need for escape at a time when so many are wishing they could travel. It strings together various stories from the lives of its authors and highlights seamlessly blended harmonies in a Laurel Canyon-inspired sound.





Happy New Year!
Rockin' Phlockin'
 Saturday, January, 27th 2024
 Noon to 4:00 pm

Come Spend Time
 With Your Fellow
 Parrot Heads as
 We Ring In our
 30th Year
 of Partying
 With a Purpose!

KENWOODS
 1555 Adams Ave
 Costa Mesa, CA

Special Musical Guest
 Greg Feldman

30/50 Drawing
 Benefits

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Mardi Gras
 on
Main St.
 Saturday, February 10th 2024
 Noon to 4pm

Main event you
 could be missed
 King of the
 Hill
 March 1st
 2024

Special Guest
 Duke Wankin

LONGBOARD

210 Main St
 Huntington Beach, CA

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30/50 Drawing Benefits King of the Hill




The OCPHC Donated \$640.00 to Robyn's Nest from this Phlocking including the 2nd place, \$200.00 Website award from PHIP



Stars on the Water

Stars on the Water and front man, Jerry Gontang, began playing together in 2002. They are a fun time, toe tapping, head bobbing band combining classic rock, reggae, Jimmy Buffett and a touch of left coast insanity that when mixed together comes out as tropical rock and roll. Stars on the Water have played with all of the Coral Reefers, past and present. If you like to party, then you will love Stars on the Water. Find out more about Jerry and the band at www.starsonthewater.com.



Equal Strain on All Parts - Final Album for Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band.

Nov 2023 – Ultimate Classic Rock.com: When Jimmy Buffett died in September 2023, he left behind one final album of the sun-soaked, island-getaway music he'd pretty much had a lock on for the past 50 years. There's no re-invention, straying from style or any other curveballs on Equal Strain on All Parts.

Like every Buffett album this century - his previous was 2020's Songs You Don't Know by Heart, acoustic re-recordings of songs from his catalog going back to his 1970 debut - Equal Strain on All Parts, his 32nd album, is an effortless blend of folk, country, and pop that's equal parts breezy and, now especially, poignant following his death.

Friends drop by Buffett's final island party. Paul McCartney, Emmylou Harris, Angelique Kidjo and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band contribute guest spots that never intrude on the host's turf, while Buffett's Coral Reefer Band provides the flawless support associated with a group that has backed the singer and songwriter for most of his career.

Equal Strain on All Parts doesn't waste any time setting the mood.

The opening track "University of Bourbon Street" nods to Buffett's earliest days as a performer in New Orleans: "I felt the power of the gris-gris, got my soul saved by the backbeat," he sings, checking off his influences, guitar tunings and lunchtime ritual. There are plenty of stops on his post-success destinations, too, on "My Gummie Just Kicked In," "Like My Dog" and "Nobody Works on Friday." But Buffett is at his most bittersweet, and best, on "Bubbles Up," a posthumous word of affirmation from a life well lived. Wistful, melancholic musical backing plays behind Buffett, who intones, "Just know that you are loved / There is light up above and joy / There's always enough." It's one last note of easy grace from an artist who made his career on such proclamations between sips.

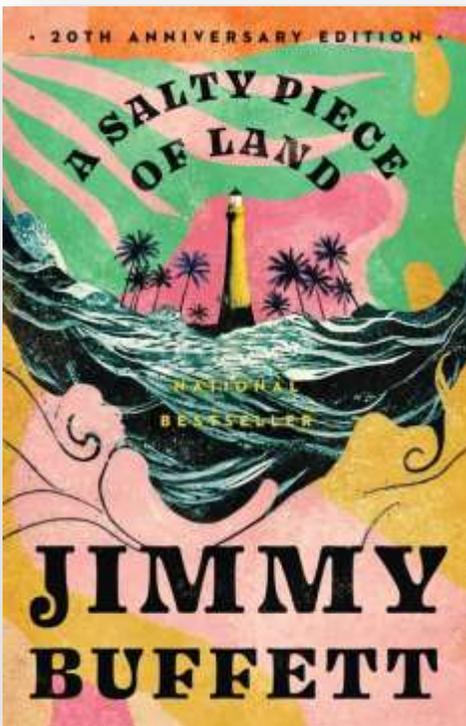


Zac Brown Band releases “Pirates & Parrots” featuring Mac McAnally

The Zac Brown Band are honoring their late friend Jimmy Buffett with a heartfelt tribute song called “Pirates & Parrots”. The song features Coral Reefer Band member Mac McAnally. “Pirates & Parrots” is available from Apple iTunes, Amazon, or Spotify.

The Zac Brown Band’s mellow ballad features the lyrics: “Adios my friend, Anchor where that ocean ends, We’ll pick up where you left off, Strumming on a sailor’s song.” Brown initially debuted the chorus at the 2023 CMA Awards with Alan Jackson in November, and performed the entire song live with Mac McAnally and the Coral Reefer Band at the star studded Tribute to Jimmy Buffett at The Hollywood Bowl.

A Salty Piece of Land 20th Anniversary Edition



Wander to “where the song of the ocean / Meets the salty piece of land” with Tully Mars, washed up from Margaritaville and in the mood for monkeyshines—in the 20th anniversary edition of this shimmering Caribbean epic by the late king of tropical rock, Jimmy Buffett.

It’s not on any chart, but the tropical island of Cayo Loco is the perfect place to run away from all your problems. Waking from a ganja buzz on the beach in Tulum, Tully can’t believe his eyes when a 142-foot schooner emerges out of the ocean mist.

At its helm is Cleopatra Highbourne, the eccentric 101-year-old sea captain who will take him to a lighthouse on a salty piece of land that will change his life forever.

From a lovely sunset sail in Punta Margarita to a wild spring-break foam party in San Pedro, Tully encounters an assortment of treasure hunters, rock stars, sailors, seaplane pilots, pirates, and even a ghost or two. Get your copy wherever books are sold.



Jimmy Buffett to Be Inducted Into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Forbes – April 2024: Jimmy Buffett will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame later this year. That’s great news for the late musician and his following, but it comes as something of a surprise—but not because he’s undeserving of the honor.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has decided to honor Buffett not as a performer, but rather in a different capacity. The organization is choosing to recognize Jimmy Buffett’s lifetime and career for “musical excellence.”

Buffett wins his entrance into the group in a non-voted category, one which has seen many well-known stars get their due—or at least some version of it.

He isn’t the only artist set to receive this specific honor from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this year. Buffett is joined in the musical excellence category by MC5, Norman Whitfield, and Dionne Warwick.

The timing of this recognition does make perfect sense, though. Buffett passed away in September of 2023, and since then, he has been mourned by his massive fan base and many well-known musicians, especially those in the rock world. Following his death due to a private battle with cancer, many have called for the highly successful and influential artist to earn some critical love, which largely eluded him in his lifetime.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame’s class of 2024 includes A Tribe Called Quest, Cher, Dave Matthews Band, Mary J. Blige, Foreigner, Kool & the Gang, Peter Frampton, and Ozzy Osbourne. Several other nominees didn’t make the cut this time around, including Eric B. and Rakim, Jane’s Addiction, Lenny Kravitz, Mariah Carey, Oasis, Sade, and Sinéad O’Connor.

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More than three decades ago, our journey began in the coastal city of Dana Point, California. Rooted deeply in the surf culture of Southern California and Hawaii, High Seas Trading Co. has grown to embrace the casual coastal and island lifestyles. Our inspiration springs from the ocean, travel, music, art, and culture, crafting a brand that resonates with the spirit of adventure and relaxation. We are proud to have High Seas Trading Company with us today. Proceeds from your purchase today will benefit The Elks Purple Pig.



Third Annual Conga Crawl in Downtown San Juan Capistrano



Featuring Brian Neale



Proceeds from the Conga Crawl will benefit
The Lone Palm Foundation.
Parrot Heads helping Parrot Heads

Conga Crawl 2024

Saturday, March 9th

Noon - 5:00 pm

Downtown San Juan Capistrano
Crawl Starts at Noon at Hennessey's
31761 Camino Capistrano



Register for the crawl at www.ocphc.org



Hennesey's Voted Boat Drink of 2024 With THE PARROT HEAD Club raises \$500 for The Lone Palm Foundation





“Keep The Party Going” Star Studded Tribute to Jimmy Buffett at The Hollywood Bowl

“Good evening, Hollywood Bowl!” Paul McCartney exclaimed to the flock of Parrotheads gathered before him. A sold-out crowd had assembled in the famed Los Angeles venue on Thursday to celebrate the legacy of Jimmy Buffett at “Keep the Party Going,” a laid-back, one-night-only tribute show full of eclectic guests.

“I had the great pleasure of knowing Jimmy, and like everyone else on the bill tonight, I said, ‘This is one great man.’ He was generous. He was funny. He’d done just about everything in his life,” McCartney said, before launching into “Let It Be.” It was a song that McCartney said he’d played for Buffett at his home during the final week of his life. Buffett died on Sept. 1st, 2023, at 76 after a battle with Merkel cell skin cancer.

This being a Buffett tribute, however, any poignancy took a backseat to the party. The show officially kicked off at 7 p.m., but in the Parrothead time zone, it was perpetually 5 o’clock somewhere. Outside the gates, a sea of fans had donned their best tropical shirts, captain caps, and the occasional parrot accessory to get the festivities started. Even security was wearing leis.

Along with the stacked musical lineup, “Keep the Party Going: A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett” featured introductions – some via video, some in person – from Dolly Parton, James Taylor, Woody Harrelson, Pat Riley, and Dave Matthews. Even Harrison Ford was there in the flesh.

“There is no other way to say it: There will never be another like Jimmy,” Ford told the crowd, before introducing the Zac Brown Band as “one of Jimmy’s favorite and most-frequent collaborators.” The group jammed through the new track “Pirates & Parrots,” released April 19, and their collab with Buffett “Knee Deep,” with Brown literally taking off his pants to play the song in shorts and a tee backed by Buffett’s Coral Reefer Band.

Mac McAnally, a longtime member of the Coral Reefer Band, introduced Eric Church, who delivered one of Buffett’s finest quotes.

“Jimmy enjoyed living life more than any person enjoyed living life,” the country star said. “I can remember we were hiking one day, and we were heading up this vista and we started talking about music and song-writing and our careers and his life and my life, and death, and, ‘You know, Eric,’ (Jimmy) said, ‘Guys like us, we don’t really die.’ He said, ‘because the songs live forever.’”





"And this one will," Church said, as the opening chords to "Son of a Son of a Sailor" rang out over the Bowl and an image of a sailboat drifting along the water was projected on a screen behind the musicians. Later, a projection of the Arc de Triomphe appeared behind Jackson Browne as he sang his stirring rendition of "He Went to Paris," one of Buffett's greatest cuts from 1973's *A White Sport Coat and a Pink Crustacean*.

In the latter half, the set list shifted to songs that Buffett wasn't exactly known for: Snoop Dogg took the stage for a performance of "Gin and Juice," alongside psychedelic visuals of Buffett in the 2019 Matthew McConaughey film *The Beach Bum*. And Pitbull appeared to perform his own "Don't Stop the Party" before being joined by Jon Bon Jovi for "Thank God & Jimmy Buffett."

Sheryl Crow, who delivered an audience-participation rendition of "Fins," recalled adventures with Buffett and being hired by him when she was "absolutely a nobody" to sing backup on his 1989 album *Off to See the Lizard*. "(Buffett) is, for me, the most beautiful illustration of what it means to be alive and awake, and absolutely present in every moment," Crow said.

For the home stretch, Don Johnson – no stranger to pastels and warm-weather vibes from his *Miami Vice* days – called to the stage "a bunch of guys (they) used to hang out with back in the day" and introduced the Eagles. Led by Don Henley and Joe Walsh, the California icons played their own miniature set featuring Henley's "The Boys of Summer" and the band's "Take It to the Limit" and "In the City." The Eagles hung around to back up McCartney on the Beatles' "Let It Be."

But there's only one way a tribute to Buffett can end, however, and Sir Paul knew it. Grabbing a margarita, he joined the Coral Reefer Band and the tribute's cast for a "Margaritaville" finale.

"Jimmy Buffett, get a big kick out of this," McAnally said. "Raise a glass, show 'em how to do it."





Margaritaville Las Vegas Closing on May 31st

Las Vegas Review-Journal:

Come June, there won't be any more wasting away in Margaritaville, at least not on the Las Vegas Strip.

Since 2003, the restaurant has occupied a street-front space at the Flamingo. But because of the expiration of its lease, the pilgrimage destination for parrot heads all around the country is closing its doors, and the final day of service will be June 1, said Chris Blatz, senior director of marketing at IMCMV Holdings Inc., which does business as Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville.

Blatz said the restaurant was "saddened by the closure, but the team is actively exploring new opportunities for the brand within the city, and we look forward to our future in Las Vegas."

The closing was first hinted at by Las Vegas Locally in a March 14 post on X that suggested fans "visit before the end of May." On the restaurant's website, margaritavillelasvegas.com, as of 3 p.m. Wednesday, no reservations can be made past April 18.

Margaritaville, after the iconic song from singer Jimmy Buffet, belongs to a hospitality group that now encompasses not just restaurants, but hotels, resorts, cruises, residences, and an official store selling branded pickleball paddles.

Margaritaville Las Vegas was home to many unforgettable times by OCPHC Members, whether it was before or after concerts, or just a mandatory stop on your Vegas trip. It will always be a cherished destination full of great memories.

The Lone Palm Foundation Parrot Heads



The Lone Palm Foundation is the charitable arm of Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHIP), Inc. The foundation exists to support Parrot Heads and the social and environmental needs and concerns within their communities.

By supporting our community and its environs on a local level, striving to preserve the world's ecosystem for generations to follow, exuding genuine concern for humanity by performing charitable actions and giving back to our fellow man in need through our beneficent aid, our philanthropic goals can be achieved. If you need help, and you are a member of a sanctioned PHIP Club, contact The Lone Palm Foundation, www.lonepalmfoundation.org



OCPHC Collects and Donates \$500 to The Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group Golf Tournament



O.C. Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids



On Saturday, June 1st, the OCPHC manned the Hydration Station at the Great Park for the Orange County Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids. The house has been our longest running charity. Each year our club donates \$500 to the walk to cover the water and we hand out water to the walkers while blaring Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band Music. Thank you to our club members that volunteered. This year the walk raised over \$331,000.

Jimmy Buffett Honored at the New Orleans Jazz Festival

From NOLA.com: Jimmy Buffett came home to the New Orleans Jazz Fest on Saturday. New Orleans nourished Buffett's nascent career in the late 1960s. By the late 1980s, he was a favorite of the festival, a frequent performer who would hang out and pop up onstage or line for gumbo even in years when he wasn't officially booked. Buffett's death on Sept. 1 after a private battle with a rare and aggressive form of skin cancer came as a shock to fans. There was never any question that this year's Jazz Fest would celebrate him.

Buffett didn't necessarily want a funeral. What he wanted, as his buddy and Jazz Fest producer/director Quint Davis put it, was for his fans to "keep the party going." That party popped off Saturday at 1:15 p.m. when a second-line procession in Buffett's honor stepped off from the Norman Dixon totem near the Jazz & Heritage Stage.

His family members, friends and fans toted posterboard pictures of him, most of which depicted him onstage at the festival. With the Smitty Dees Brass Band supplying the soundtrack and various social aid and pleasure club members providing a swirl of swagger and color, the procession wound its way along an infield walkway, picking up more marchers as it went along.

Between the RhythmPourium tent and a merch stand, bystanders broke into applause at the sight of the Buffett photos. "We love you, Jimmy!" one man shouted. From the distant Grandstand, a 20-foot-tall portrait of Buffett looked on. The procession reversed course and made its way to the back of the Congo Square Stage field, where painted totems honor festival "Ancestors" – musicians, staffers and others who loomed large in Jazz Fest history. On what was, appropriately, the sunniest and steamiest day so far of the 2024 festival, hundreds of Buffett fans were already there, lining a barricaded patch of grass in front of the Ancestors. Members of Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, complete with steel drums, performed his "Son of a Son of a Sailor" for the assembled throng.



"Technically, this is sad," Quint Davis said in his opening remarks. "This is a huge loss. But in New Orleans, we don't mourn. We celebrate a life."

Savannah Buffett remembered her father and his love for Jazz Fest and New Orleans with prepared remarks. "I'm not going to wing it," she said. "It's too emotional."

She recalled how her father convinced Davis to let him park an Airstream trailer in a parking lot in the 1990s so his kids could take air-conditioned breaks from Jazz Fest. In the Buffett family, Jazz Fest was, she said, a "family tradition, like the Fourth of July and Christmas."

She had promised her father that she "would bring him home and give him a second-line for the ages."

Given all that he packed into his 76 years, she believed he "lived to be 100. He just did it in $\frac{3}{4}$ time."

The second line and Sunday's scheduled Coral Reefer Band performance on the main stage just before Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue are meant, Savannah Buffett said, to "bring back the magic and dance away from the tragic."

With that, the new Jimmy Buffett "Ancestor" totem was revealed. It depicts Buffett onstage, wearing his favorite Jazz Fest cap. "Jimmy was a part of the festival," Davis said. Installing him as an Ancestor is "to make sure he's here every year."

The Coral Reefer Band then sent everyone off with a quiet singalong of Buffett's "Changes In Latitudes, Changes In Attitudes."



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Islander - Newest Ship in the Margaritaville at Sea Fleet

From Margaritaville at Sea: The Margaritaville at Sea Islander is on her way to Florida! Today, Islander left the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Northern Ireland after an extensive re-imagining and has begun her three-week journey across the Atlantic to Port Tampa Bay, finishing the final flourishes along the way.

Savannah Buffett, the eldest daughter of the late Jimmy Buffett, has been named godmother of Margaritaville at Sea Islander.

The 2,600-guest ship will be the newest vessel to join the Margaritaville at Sea fleet.

The ship is scheduled to set sail from Tampa on her maiden voyage June 14.

The vessel will offer 4- to 7-night cruises to Key West, Cozumel and Progreso.

Margaritaville at Sea Islander was built in the early 2000s as the Costa Atlantica for Costa Cruises. The ship was acquired by Margaritaville at Sea last year and is undergoing an extensive refurbishment.

Buffett looks forward to "rendering the right concoction of love and luck" so that the ship may "plow the seas amidst smooth, untroubled waters in search of that one particular harbor," she says.

"As a descendant of captains and boat builders, I accept this honor in tribute to the legacy of my seafaring ancestors," she adds. "Cheers to many a lovely cruise!"

Buffett spent her childhood traveling around the world with her father – on tour buses, sailboats, seaplanes and more. She's held an array of different roles during her career, including working as a creative and musical consultant, hosting a radio show on SiriusXM's Radio Margaritaville and co-authoring two children's books with her father,

"Jolly Mon" and "Trouble Dolls."

"Jimmy would be thrilled that Savannah is the godmother of the Islander," says John Cohan, chief executive officer of Margaritaville Holdings. "With his eldest daughter holding this honor, the christening of the Islander will be a very, very special day for all of us."



Upcoming OCPHC Club Events

Saturday, July 20th

School Boy Heart Phlocking

Lopez & Lefty's In Anaheim. Charity is The Boys & Girls Club of Anaheim.
Bring Back Packs & School Supplies.

Musical Guest: Harmony Park

Saturday, August 17th

The Weather is Here B-B-Q and Pool Party

San Clemente. Bring a side dish and Beverages.

Bring your suit if you would like to float or participate in the Flamingo Races.

Musical Guest: D.J. Dave Jensen.

Saturday, September 14th:

Cheeseburger in Paradise Phlocking - Neighbors Bar & Grill in Laguna Hills.

Musical Guest, Unkle Monkey.

Charity is TBD.

Saturday, October 19th:

Alzheimer's Walk Phlocking.

Longboard Pub - Huntington Beach.

Charity and Musical Guest TBD.

Check our Club Website for updated information on our events.

Members will be emailed with upcoming event information.



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