

Partying With a Purpose for 30 Years

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James Taylor Inducts 'Hero' Jimmy Buffett Into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 'There Won't Be Another Like Him'

Rolling Stone—Oct 20th, 2024: With Jimmy Buffett the effusive showman and James Taylor the introspective loner, the two ostensibly seemed worlds apart. They had more in common than anyone would have expected. Both were sailors, and both (as Buffett joked in a recent tribute to Taylor) dealt with early fame, receding hairlines and getting healthy in later life. The two shared stages together and collaborated in the studio on a few of each other's records.

As Taylor told Rolling Stone last year, the two were in touch regularly until Buffett's health issues became more pronounced. "I was aware that he was sick and that he was fighting and struggling with it," Taylor said. "I sent him some emails. I didn't expect him to respond, but I wanted to be there for him." Here, Taylor remembers once more his good friend.

Oh, boy. My favorite thing — public speaking. Jimmy Buffett's wife, Jane, is in the audience tonight, and she should probably be talking to you, not me. But a few weeks ago, she threw one of her legendary parties. It was a was a goodbye party for Jimmy, and I think it helped us all accept the fact that he's really gone. I don't know why that's so hard to believe. People all over the world are grieving his loss, and I was asked to speak on that night, too. I think I talked about celebrity and about how we assemble our personal mythologies in the popular culture, some bullshit like that. But the point is that for so many of us, Jimmy was a sort of a central hero, like a heroic figure in some Greek myth. His adventure was our adventure, and we got to share his huge love of this life. He loved, loved being Jimmy Buffett. He loved his family. He loved his band, he loved the music,

the life on the road, and he absolutely loved his audience, absolutely. He made you feel that he really did. And we were summoned, like, to a tribal celebration, you know, the Parrot Head nation. We were right there with him, all the while piloting his seaplane or surfing the wake of a supertanker. He actually did that. He was larger than life, but somehow, at the same time, always right-sized and always authentic. Jimmy was a self-made man and a poet, and there won't be another like him. I just wish I could see him enjoy this moment tonight. So, hats off, bottoms up. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor and great pleasure to announce the induction of Jimmy Buffett to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



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Sail on Pat Sortino

From the very start of the Orange County Parrot Head Club, Frank and Pat Sortino were at its heart, embodying everything the Club stood for. Pat's enthusiasm and talent lit up every gathering, as she joined in with our "Live Entertainment" countless times. Her love for music—and for sharing it—was contagious.

Pat and Frank truly believed in the Club's spirit of "Returning to Help Those in Need." They could always be counted on to keep the Club thriving, supporting others with generosity and care. Whatever was happening, Pat was always at the center of it, bringing her joy and energy to every event. She exemplified what it meant to be "Friends Forever."

Pat's music was a gift to all of us. Whether she was singing, playing guitar, or strumming her ukulele, she created an atmosphere where everyone felt welcome. She even made sure I could join in, handing me the simplest instrument and patiently guiding me so I could be part of the fun.

Her home was an extension of her open-hearted spirit. Every year, Pat and Frank hosted a "Wonderful" Super Bowl Party that became legendary. Frank, ever the perfectionist, made sure there were TVs in every room—including the bathrooms and even inside the refrigerator! But the game often took a backseat to the lively music and laughter that filled the house. Pat would be in one room, surrounded by friends, playing music and making memories that lasted far beyond the final whistle.

Pat had a remarkable way of looking out for everyone. She made sure no one felt left out, her kindness touching everyone she met. This care extended deeply to her family, especially during hard times. Pat devoted herself to her son Jake, supporting him through challenges with unwavering love and strength. Her resilience and compassion shone brightest in those moments, a testament to the incredible person she was.

As time passed and we all grew older, Pat grew older, too—but never up. She stayed as vibrant and youthful in spirit as the day she joined the Club, a trait so many of us in the Parrot Head family share.

Though Pat may no longer be with us, her legacy remains. The Orange County Parrot Head Club will always remember her as the bright, talented, and loving soul who made our lives richer. She lives on in the countless memories we share, in the music she played, and in the friendships she nurtured.

We already miss her deeply. But as long as we keep her spirit alive in our hearts, Pat will always be with us. **Allen Barker**

















Jimmy Buffett inducted at Music City Walk of Fame Ceremony

The Tennessean - Oct 31st, 2024: Nashville's 2024 Music City Walk of Fame ceremony highlighted all corners and eras of the city's multitude of harmonious legacies.

Honoring Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jimmy Buffett, WSM 650 broadcaster and Grand Ole Opry announcer Bill Cody, Grammy-winning gospel quartet The Fairfield Four and Ryman Hospitality Partners' Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors Colin Reed satisfied all facets of how, for the past century, Nashville has inspired local, national and global creators to its environs to celebrate music's inspiration.

The legacy of the late Jimmy Buffett, posthumously inducted by chart-topping country songwriter and Buffett's Coral Reefer Band guitarist Mac McAnally, provided similar joy for the crowd in attendance

As a fan dressed appropriately, in a parrot-headed costume watched on amongst hundreds, McAnally discussed how Mississippi native Buffett evolved a sense of self-expression that, from songs like "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" and "Margaritaville" blended Nashville's outlaw sensibilities with a pop flair that inspired generations of artists from Paul McCartney to Kenny Chesney, among many.

Upon receiving her father's honor, Buffett's daughter Delaney delivered a tear-jerking speech that highlighted how he was "a pirate and poet who never took himself too seriously," whose musical catalog "taught people the tricks to being happy."

In closing, she quoted Buffett's 1973 song "He Went to Paris" as an epilogue to her father's storied life as a singer, songwriter and entrepreneur:

"Some of its magic, some its tragic, but I've had a good life along the way."



Coral Reefer Band Keeps The Party Going!

The Coral Reefer Band is Keeping the Party Going with a concert scheduled for Friday, January 24th at the Mark G Etess Arena in the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - Atlantic City. The CRB will be joined by Scotty Emerick and Will Kimbrough. A Coral Reefer Band Member close to The Orange County Parrot Head Club reports that more dates are being scheduled and will be released when they are confirmed



















Meeting of The Minds 2024 As Experienced by Two Virgin Attendees. By John & Judi Russi

<u>Tuesday, Day 1</u>: We flew out of John Wayne Airport on American Airlines to Pensacola, FL. Rushed layover in Dallas due to an unannounced gate change. They were announcing our name over the intercom as we arrived at the gate. Arrived in Pensacola about 7:00pm, picked up a rental car and drove straight to Mobile AL. We knew Jimmy grew up in Mobile and our Appalachacola brewery, Oyster City Brewing had opened a location there. Made it to town, checked in to our cheap hotel called it a night.

<u>Wednesday, Day 2</u>: Jimmy's birthplace, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was about 20 miles away, so we drove on. As we approached the City limits, "Pascagoula Run" came on Radio Margaritaville. It was a sure sign this was a Jimmy sanctioned adventure. We headed to the house that was Jimmy's first home. Pretty sure the sun was shining directly on the home and magical music played. We stopped for the necessary selfie then cruised the neighborhood. Jimmy's place was modest but bordered some fabulous homes with spectacular views of the gulf. We drove over Buffett Bridge and took in Buffett Beach. We were giddy tourists acting like goofy gawkers.

Once we caught our breath, we enjoyed shrimp and beers in downtown Pascagoula before driving back to Mobile for Oyster City Brewing's opening at 2pm. There, we conversed with other patrons over great beers with Mobile and music being the topics most discussed. The beertender was a musician and personally knew several of the musicians playing at MOTM. As we were ready to leave, they said we couldn't go until we tried Wintzell's Oyster House across the parking lot. Huge find! Gumbo and charbroiled oysters were legendary. Sitting at the bar very proud Mobilians chatted us up and shared stories of Mobile being the birthplace of Mardi Gras.

The locals said Mobile was the premiere gulf port until a brilliant engineer figured out how to dredge the Mississippi River transferring that distinction to New Orleans.

We said good-bye to our new friends and headed to Gulf Shores, Alabama. Floating Collective was playing LuLu's that night and we wanted to make it to the show. They were playing when we arrived. As we were listening, we spotted Nadirah Shakoor with a group of friends taking in the show from the bar. We made our way over as she was called up to the stage to sing a couple with the band. It was amazing to hear her beautiful voice again. Buoyed by our day-long intake of liquid courage, we said hello as she made her way back to the table. After a little conversation, autograph and a selfie, she invited us to her table introduced her friends and showed us her handmade tribute bracelets. Judi obviously ended up with one. A stir in the crowd revealed Peter Mayer joined the fellas on stage and finished their show playing on the last three songs. Afterwards the band had a meet and greet with autographs and photos. At this point, we had a notion this trip may work out. After the show we drove to our condo and checked in to our room.

<u>Thursday, Day 3:</u> Started the day at The Hangout, the main hub of MOTM, conveniently located next to our condo building. After picking up our registration lanyard and swag bag, we explored the venue. Already there was live music on the stage of the artist market. We listened while perusing vendor wares and eating a tasty breakfast burrito. The beautiful white sand beach, good food and libations made a perfect backdrop for the event.

More to explore in the area, so we made our way the ferry to Dauphin Island. We saw much of (maybe too much) of Gulf Shores and Fort Morgan on that adventure. So back to the Hangout for some surprisingly good food and great music. They were hosting the Trop Rock Awards that night. Many of the folks there were familiar with the trop rock musicians. We spoke to several who knew all of the performers and were loyal followers. Mike Nash was the find of the night for us, we loved his music and he sounded good covering Jimmy's songs. Sitting in the sand under the stars listening to the music made for a lovely cruise.

<u>Friday, Day 4:</u> Our Board suggested we attend the Leaders Brunch to represent OCPHC. Seated with the western region we had conversations with members of the Sacramento, British Columbia, San Diego and Arizona clubs. Learning about their phlockings and events was inspiring. We were with our people.

No trip to Gulf Shores/Orange Beach would be complete without a visit to the Flora-Bama. We had been there before, but a return visit was mandatory. Upon arrival, we shopped the merch, had a perfectly chilled beverage, then ventured across the highway to the addition of the Flora-Bama Grill. Mike Nash was playing a ticketed show there. We found seats in the bar area with a wonderful view of the water.

We returned to the condo to freshen up before heading back to the main venue. This night included a line-up of artists for the ages. The main act was the Coral Reefer Band with Scotty Emerick, the newest member, joining them. First up for the night's performances was the surprise of the weekend, "The Wheeland Brothers". What a fun, energetic and talented group. After their set, we were able to meet up with them at their merch booth. We learned that they grew up near us in Mission Viejo and went to the same elementary, middle and high schools as our kids - graduating a year after our daughter. We are now fans. Next up was a musician we met the evening before as we were returning to our condo, Brooke Graham. She performed a great set to keep us all engaged as we anticipated the Coral Reefers.

The highlight of the trip was definitely the Coral Reefers. They put on an amazing show. All were there except Michael Utley, but Mick filled in for his dad. With the addition of Scotty Emerick they performed all of our favorite songs doing the best to fill the un-fillable void. Being there,

experiencing that music with thousands of our Phflock felt amazing. We never thought we could have that feeling again - it wasn't exactly like a Buffett concert - but it was as close as you can get. We sang and danced, laughed and cried, it was what we needed. A beautiful tribute to a person who made our world a better place.

Afterwards we went inside the Hang Out bar to watch the last few innings of World Series Game One. Down to the last out Freddie Freeman hits a walk off Grand Slam. Dodgers win to cap the day of days!







<u>Saturday, Day 5:</u> Participating in the Sippin and Steppin 5K at LuLu's benefitting a local breast cancer charity was a great addition to our schedule. We stayed at LuLu's to enjoy Bloody Marys, a free breakfast buffet and conversation with the well costumed participants.

We lined up for a touching Second Line to honor Jimmy with music and love. It was a memory to treasure.

Back at the Hangout, we listened to music while having a late lunch. That day we shared the table with Eric and Gina Babin, the husband and wife owners of Radio Trop Rock. They hosted the Trop Rock Awards presented on Thursday night. It was great meeting them and hearing how they got their start.

Yet another highlight of the trip, Mac McAnally performed with Eric Darken as the headliner for the night. We all know what an amazing musician Mac is, add to that he is a brilliant storyteller. If you have had the good fortune to see a Mac show you know what a heartfelt performance is in store, with tears in your eyes, you laugh at his stories along with him.

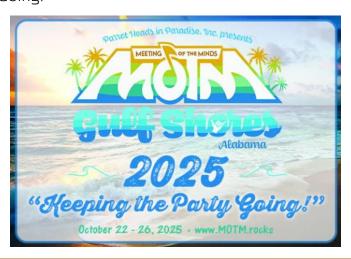
After Mac's show we watched the remainder of game 2 of the World Series without the fairy tale, but still happy ending. We wrapped it up and called it another successful night of memories experienced.

Sunday, Day 6: Heading back to Pensacola for our flight home that morning we were filled with gratitude for the adventure. The trip let us bond with people who get it. We spent a considerable amount of time with a couple from South Carolina. She was a Parrothead, he was not. She shared how devastated she was on September 1, 2023. He offered a shoulder shrug. It really drove home the point that if Jimmy worked his way into your heart and soul, you get it and if you don't, you don't. We are the people! We went to MOTM with tempered expectations, but had an absolutely wonderful time, meeting great people (our people) and did our part to Keep the Party Going!





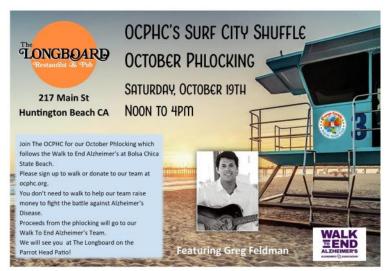




Meeting of The Minds returns to Gulf Shores Alabama in 2025, October 22nd—26th.

Registration will be available in early 2025.

For up to date information on Meeting of The Minds, go to www.MOTM.rocks.





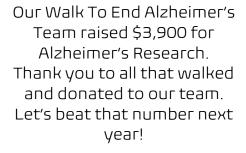






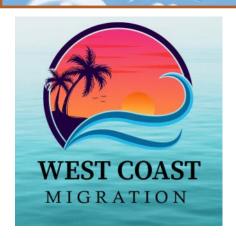












Migration is Back!

June 26th—29th 2025 The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV

It's been a long time since the last one, but Migration is back for 2025!

The Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Arizona and San Diego Parrot Head Clubs have revived Migration to Keep The Party Going. The dates are June 26th through June 29th 2025.

The location is The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada. The Charity for the event is The Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter.

Entertainment for the event so far include, Ricky Lamb and The No Bad Days Band, Stars on The Water, Heather Vidal, Barefoot Reggie Starrett and Cory Young. Registration for the event is \$135.00. Rooms at The Orleans range from \$50.00 to \$100 per night.

To register for West Coast Migration and to book your rooms, go to www.westcoastmigration.org.

Skinny Boy Released to Honor Greg "Fingers" Taylor



"Skinny Boy," the new single by Original Coral Reefer Guitarist, Roger Bartlett and Steven Taylor, is now available for download *exclusively* at The Songwriters Joint. Featuring an all-star lineup including TC Carr, John Frinzi, and members of the Coral Reefer Band—Michael Utley, Nadirah Shakoor, and Eric Darken.

The single is part of *Music Downloads 4 A Cause*, with all proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) in honor of Coral Reefer and blues legend, Greg "Fingers" Taylor. As November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, the goal is to raise over \$5,000 through downloads this month to support the AFA's mission. You can also learn more about AFA Awareness Month and participate in the GO TEAL campaign this month to help raise awareness.

"Skinny Boy" is ONLY available at the Shop, offering a unique opportunity to own great music while supporting a worthy cause.

Download And Support at - https://store.songwritersjoint.co/products/skinny-boy-by-roger-bartlett-steven-taylor-featuring-michael-utley-nadirah-shakoor-eric-darken-and-tc-carr







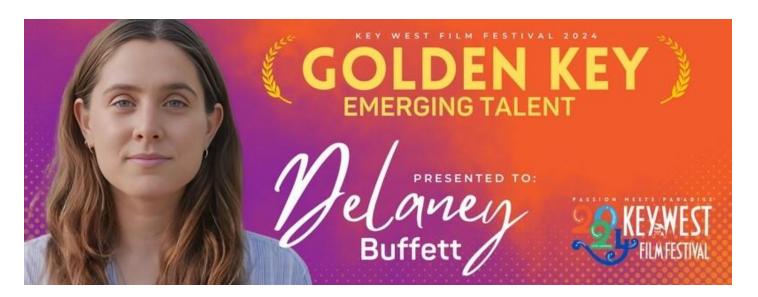












Delaney Buffett Honored with Golden Key Rising Star Award

The Key West Film Festival honored Delaney Buffett at the fourth annual Golden Key Award for Emerging Talent, and the screening of her film "Adult Best Friends," which screened at the festival heading into the thick of award season.

In the past, the festival has honored up-and-comers, like Kodi Smit-McPhee for The Power of the Dog, Elegance Bratton for his work on The Inspection, and Thomasin McKenzie for her work in Eileen. Adult Best Friends has a 100% on Rotten Tomatoes, though only 7 reviews so far.

Delaney Buffett is a writer and director from Florida. Her directorial debut, The Spring, a short documentary about a mermaid amusement park, premiered at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival and won Best Documentary at the 2017 Toronto International Short Film Festival. She's directed several other short documentaries, including Wallace, a film about a small town in Idaho where brothels were open and tolerated until 1991, which premiered at the 2019 Sun Valley Film Festival, 2020 Aspen Shorts Fest and 2019 Crested Butte Film Festival as well as Mooptopia, a short documentary that follows a young influencer who loses her fame overnight, which premiered at the 2022 Tribeca Film Festival. Her first narrative short, Pal, was an official selection at the 27th LA Comedy Festival. ADULT BEST FRIENDS is her feature debut as a director.

Michael Tuckman, Director of Programming of the Key West Film Festival, "We are elated to present this award to Delaney Buffett and especially pleased to shine the spotlight on another incredible artist to hail from Florida. We at KWFF are so proud to play a role in continuing to showcase and spotlight her brilliant directing, writing and acting that has been on display since the film first premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival. We know she won't be thought of as "emerging" for much longer as her star shines brighter every day."

The Key West Film Festival took place on November 13-17, 2024.



Margaritaville License Plates Coming to Florida A1A Renamed Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway

One of several proposed designs for Florida's new Margaritaville license plates. Image via the office of Rep. Linda Chaney.

Florida Politics - Oct 1st, 2024: Sunshine State motorists seeking changes in latitudes can now order a new specialty license plate honoring beloved, late tropical troubadour Jimmy Buffett. Tuesday marks the effective date of HB 403, which directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) to develop a Margaritaville license plate named for Buffett's famous tune and business brand and 11 other specialty tags. Tuesday is also when the plates go on sale, though FLHSMV must receive at least 3,000 orders before it begins pressing them.

Lawmakers last Session overwhelmingly supported the measure, sponsored by St. Pete Beach Republican Rep. Linda Chaney. Stuart Republican Sen. Gayle Harrell carried the bill's upper-chamber companion.

Parrotheads who want to take another road and pick up a cheeseburger in paradise in the slow lane can order their plates online. They must pay an extra \$25 per year in addition to regular vehicle registration fees.

Proceeds from the Margaritaville plate sales will go to Singing for Change, a nonprofit created by Buffett. Since 1995, it has provided more than \$17 million in grants to community-based organizations, particularly those in low-income and impoverished areas.

HB 403 wasn't the only bill that passed last Session memorializing Buffett, who died at 76 on Sept. 1, 2023, from skin cancer. Lawmakers unanimously approved another bill (HB 91) this year to re-christen State Road A1A as "Jimmy Buffett Highway" from its tip in Ferdinanda Beach to Mile Marker 0 in Key West. Republican Reps. Chuck Clemons of Newberry and Jim Mooney of Islamorada sponsored the measure in the House. Senate Democratic Leader Lauren Book carried its analog. Book said the road choice was especially suitable before the Senate approved the bill in March, considering Buffett's fifth studio album was "A1A."" Jimmy was an icon to so many," said Book, whose father, lobbyist Ron Book, was a longtime friend of the singer-songwriter. "My dad wasn't there when I was born because he was with Jimmy Buffett. It's family lore at this point."







Upcoming Events

January 2025 Phlocking

Saturday, January 18th Neighbor's Bar & Grill Laguna Hills, CA

Charity is The OC Ronald McDonald House We will have a 50/50 for OCRMDH Food Service

Entertainment provided by DJ. Dave Jensen

February 2025 Phlocking

Saturday, February 8th Taco Surf Sunset Beach, CA

Charity is Bracken's Kitchen. We will have a 50/50 to raise money to donate.

> Special Musical Guest Brian Neale

We are planning our Annual Pub Crawl in March. Check our website, www.ocphc.org for the latest information.

The Lone Palm Foundation Parrot Heads Helping 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

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