

#### The Ophicial Newsletter of the Orange County Parrot Head Club

# Meeting of the Minds information

The annual Meeting of the Minds in Gulf Shores, Alabama is right around the corner featuring a lineup of great trop rockers such as Brent Burns, Will Kimbrough, Jessie Rice and more!

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# Hemisphere Dancer refurbishment completed

After a nearly year-long refurbishment, the Hemisphere Dancer is back at the Universal CityWalk in Orlando, Florida

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# Growing older but not up

Check out photos on **page 5-6** from our 31st Anniversary party at the Mission Viejo Elk's Lodge on June 21 where we ate Cheeseburgers in Paradise and were entertained by the Buffett Beach Trio!



The Orange County Parrot Head Club gathered at Neighbors Bar & Grille in Laguna Hills on July 13 where they donated school supplies and donated 43 backpacks for the Boys and Girls Club in Anaheim while listening to some great music from Harmony Park.





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## Meeting of the Minds 2025 October 22-26

Meeting of the Minds is the annual Parrot Heads in Paradise convention held annually during the end of October and



beginning of November. While previously hosted in New Orleans and Key West, the new home of MOTM is Gulf Shores, Alabama and is always subject to change. It is open to any member of a PHiP sanctioned Parrot Head Club covering several days and nights of friendship, fun, food and great music, with a few optional meetings and seminars thrown in the mix.

Artists scheduled to perform include Brent Burns, Eric Erdman, Brendan Mayer, Sunny Jim, Tall Paul & Krisite, Mick Fury, Mark Mulch, Don Middlebrook, Joe Downing, Jim Mayer, Jim Hoehn, Darby Ledbetter, Reggie Starrett, Christopher Dale, Bob Durand, Dan Sullivan, Joel Block, Mark Mulch, Jason Acy, Mike Nash & Will Kimbrough, Thom Shepherd & Coley McCabe, Waves of Steel, Legends of Trop Rock, Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef, Jimmy Parrish & The Waves, Brooke Graham & the Beach Street Boys, Jonas Lorence Band, Homemade Wine – The Reunion, The Landshark Band, Wheeland Brothers, Carrie Welling, Jesse Rice, Gramps Morgan and more.

Don't miss out! Register now at https://motm.rocks/registration/

Regular restriction and room bundles start are \$229

VIP registration and room bundles are \$529

Registration ends Sept. 15 at midnight!



# Hemisphere Dancer returns to Orlando CityWalk

After a nearly year-long refurbishment, the Hemisphere Dancer, Jimmy Buffett's legendary seaplane, returned to Margaritaville's Lone Palm Airport Bar at Universal CityWalk.

To celebrate its return, Margaritaville held a "Homecoming Celebration" to rechristen the plane.

Guests and Parrotheads joined Margaritaville President Dan Leonard and Savannah Buffett, Buffett's Daughter, who spoke before officially welcoming the plane home.

The Hemisphere Dancer is a U.S. Navy Grumman Albatross, initially used for search-and-rescue missions. In 1995, Buffett purchased and restored the plane, giving it its now-famous monicker. The plane infamously became a part of Parrothead lore when, in 1996, it survived Jamaican police gunfire – an incident immortalized in Buffett's song "Jamaica Mistaica".

In 2003, the Hemisphere Dancer made its home at CityWalk Orlando under Buffett's stipulation that the plane remain airworthy. Last year, after more than 20 years in the Florida sun, storms & hurricanes, and wear and tear, a full restoration was required.

"It's clear she's back where she belongs for now at Universal CityWalk," said Savannah Buffett.



-Courtesy of insideuniversal.net

### **Upcoming Events**

Vampires, Mummies & The Holy Ghost Halloween Phlocking

Saturday, October 18th Noon to 4 p.m.

Put on your Halloween costume and come down to the Orange Train Station's Steamliner Lounge & Cafe for a party with the OCPHC and Unkle Monkey. Prizes for the best costumes!

Bring hypo-allergenic laundry detergent pods and dryer sheets to donate to the Orange County Ronald McDonald House.

November Veterans Phlocking

Saturday, November 15th Noon to 4 p.m.

Join your fellow Parrot Heads as we keep the party going!

Enjoy great BBQ at Sauced BBQ and Spirits in Irvine!!

Drinks on the patio.

50/50 raffle will benefit the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group

DJ Dave is back to provide the entertainment.



# Jimmy and Jane Buffett's Love Story

Before there were frozen drinks, resort empires, or stadiums full of Parrotheads, there was Jimmy and Jane.

The king of island escapism didn't just write about a laid-back life. He lived it, and he built it with someone who knew how to match his easygoing chaos with strength, patience, and grace. Jane Slagsvol wasn't just Jimmy Buffett's wife. She was his North Star. His co-captain. His steady hand on the wheel during some of the wildest, weirdest, and most sunsoaked decades in American music.

Their story didn't start in some polished Hollywood lounge or industry function. It started in Key West, at a bar called the Chart Room, where Jimmy Buffett had traded Nashville's neon lights for something a little saltier. Jane was on spring break from the University of South Carolina. Jimmy was already chasing the Gulf breeze full time. Whatever was in the air that night, it stuck. She never went back to school.

They moved in together almost immediately, and by 1977, they were married in Aspen, Colorado. The Eagles, whom Jimmy was opening for at the time, played at the wedding. That's how good the vibe was.

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# JUST ANOTHER YEAR IN PARADISE!





The OCPHC raised \$1,054.50 for Purple Pig and donated 3 months worth of laundry supplies to Ronald McDonald House of Irvine. Way to go Parrot Heads!



















# Upcoming dates

9.13.25 - Noblesville, IN - Ruoff Music Center

9.15.25 - Franklin, TN - FirstBank Amphitheatre

9.17.25 – Cuyahoga Falls, OH -Blossom Music Center

9.18.25 - Toronto, ON - Budweiser Stage

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If you're thinking it was all rum punch and smooth sailing from there, you'd be dead wrong. Like any great story, theirs hit rough water. Five years into their marriage, they split. Jimmy admitted the party lifestyle had caught up with them.



Jane said, "I didn't have a clue who I was." She got sober. He slowed down. For a while, they drifted.

But they came back stronger. In 1991, they reunited and never looked back. From that point on, it really was smooth sailing. They raised three kids: Savannah, Delaney, and their adopted son Cameron. Jane wasn't just holding down the home front. She was part of the vision. She helped shape the Coral Reefer Band's style, kept Jimmy grounded, and stayed fiercely private through it all.

And it stayed real. Jane was there through the Margaritaville boom, the business deals, the children's books, the cancer diagnosis, and finally, the quiet goodbye. When Jimmy passed away on September 1, 2023, at the age of 76, it was Jane who stayed beside him until the very last breath.

She released a tribute that hit harder than any headline. "Every cell in his body was filled with joy," she wrote. "He smiled all the time, even when he was deeply ill. And his sense of humor never wavered. Jimmy was always the optimist, always twinkling, always making us laugh."

That's the version of Jimmy Buffett most fans saw. The barefoot poet with a guitar and a grin. But behind that grin was Jane, steadying the wheel, keeping the course true, and helping him live the life he sang about. And that's why their love story still hits like a steel drum under a setting sun. It was built on freedom, forgiveness, and knowing when to leave and when to come back.

It wasn't perfect. It wasn't glossy. But it was real. And in a world of flash-in-the-pan romances and scripted relationships, Jimmy and Jane were the real damn deal. Quiet, lasting, and stronger than the storm. Just like Margaritaville itself.

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The OCPHC is a Jimmy Buffett Fan Club that meets in fellowship and community service to the soundtrack of Jimmy Buffett and the Trop Rock Lifestyle.

We do good work for local charities, the community, environmental concerns and participate in national Parrot Heads in Paradise events.

#### Your Membership Includes

A Club Membership Lanyard

National Membership to Parrot Heads in Paradise Subscription to "One Particular Newsletter"

Participation to All OCPHC Events and Activities Special Concert Tickets Club Pre-Sale Opportunities















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