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HAPPY FALL TO OUR PHCOEM MEMBERS, here is The ¾ Times Newsletter for you All!

The Club had some Great Summer Events doing The Pan Mass water stop, Jimmy Buffett Drive-In Night, Our Annual Pool Party with Tiki Jim playing for us, much thanks Jim, what a blast of a time for Everyone. We had the two Coral Reefer Concerts in Boston and Gilford NH with a special guest if you were in Gilford, Clay Cook from The Zac Brown Band shared memories of Jimmy Buffett. If you were Lucky to be at The Zac Brown Band Concert at Fenway Park he surprised the audience with a free Margaritaville Sea Cruise for two. The First Coral Reefers had a documentary come out recently *"Occupational Hazard"* which is playing at many theatres all around and I've heard it to be a spectacular film which tells the story of The Band from 1971 into the 1980s.

The Fall Beach Cleanup was cancelled due to a Nor'Easter as the weather was not beautiful. We have our Annual Halloween Party planned, November Festival of Tree's Decorating, last but not least for December we have Wreaths across America.

We are also planning our Next Year's 2027 Holiday Hangover Party. Please see our PHCOEM [Website](#) and [FB](#) page as we will keep you updated on all future Information for Club Events.

As PARROTHEADS the times we share doing what we do is the times we carry on forever as one big family with friends from all over. Hope to see you all at one of the future TT's or Events.

Your BOD: Mac, Katherine, Babs, Sunny and Liz will be Working on more Charity and Social Events for PHCOEM keeping this club moving on!

Thank you for everything you do to keep this Club's Party going as friends and family like we do every year.

Lizzy L12- Liz McCarthy
Secretary of PHCOEM





From the Office of the Prez



Good Day Phlock!

What an amazing few months we have shared together. Many of us planned the 2 local Coral Reefer concerts around the rest of the summer plans. The Band certainly did not disappoint! Both shows were unforgettable and had many of us talking for days about it! The club pool party was once again a huge hit and thanks again to everyone that came from near and far to Sunny and Mr. Richard's house to participate in all the festivities! We volunteered at our annual Pan Mass water stop in Wrentham and it was bigger and better than ever before! More riders than we have ever seen go through that stop, it was amazing! We tried to get our annual beach clean-up in except the Nor'easter came along. Have you all enjoyed the movie *Occupational Hazzard*? What a great time we all had in Dennis Ma down at the small theatre on the cape! It was absolutely the right spot to see the original Coral Reefer Band movie. We met some of our members that moved to the Carolinas but were up here visiting that week and they popped in to see the show! What a great time when fond memories are shared with great phriends! I love that small old time theatre vibe.

Another season is upon us. We are now entering Soctoberfest for Operation Troop Support. The socks that get donated go directly into care packages that get sent to our troops overseas. We can honestly tell you they truly appreciate everything they get in those care packages! So please if you can donate some socks you will be making some soldiers very happy. Our membership Halloween party is coming up. We are carving pumpkins so bring one to paint or carve and your creativity! Dress appropriately we will be outside enjoying this lovely fall weather! Costumes are welcomed but not required. There will be a costume contest! We will also have a bunch of other things going on of course the usual shenanigans! So bring a dish to share if you can spare some ribs or maybe a ghostly potion that would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking forward to our annual tree decorating at Sunny and Mr. Richard's house in November and our Wreaths Across America event that happens at the Bourne National Cemetery every year! Plus, more fun social activities and new events are coming up! Look for our annual membership Holiday Hangover event next year coming up on Saturday, Jan 23rd, 2027 at the Doubletree in Milford! New surprises and happenings here for the bash! We will be sure to keep you posted, you don't want to miss this event!

What makes all this work? You the members! We know everyone gets busy with their own families and lives and enjoying our time on this big round ball. We love seeing everyone at all our of events. Your kindness and generosity and volunteerism is so inspiring and greatly appreciated by everyone you help and all the lives you have positively made better. We thank you.

As Jimmy would say "lets keep this party rolling on". Keep kindness in your hearts in all you do and say it makes for a better day!

Thank you again for all you do,

Mac,
Finny and Lola



From the Office of the Vice-Prez – Kitty Jones

Bubbles Up, Boston Carrying the Music Forward, The Tiki Torch Is Still Burning, and The Party Goes On

By Katherine Burton Jones

Originally on Substack as: Keep the Party Going: On music, memory, and carrying forward what we love

The first two weekends of August, I was fortunate enough to see two gloriously over-the-top concerts in Boston.

First came Zac Brown Band at Fenway Park. Zac did more than give away Margaritaville at Sea cruises to more than 37,000 people, which is fairly monumental all by itself. The band knocked it out of the park. Literally, in this case. The August 2 concert was Zac Brown Band's 15th consecutive sold-out Fenway show.

For me as a Parrot Head, having Mac McAnally join them for “A Pirate Looks at Forty” was sensational. The tribute to Jimmy Buffett continued through songs and video clips, including the wonderful passing of the Tiki torch. We cried, applauded, cheered—and eventually left most of our voices somewhere around the Green Monster. The high lasted all week. And I found myself wondering: Can the Coral Reefer Band top this?

I didn't have long to wait for the answer. At Boston's Leader Bank Pavilion, the Coral Reefers took the stage to a standing ovation. We were ready to hear them again. Very ready. We were already singing along when Mac asked us to sing harmony—as though this particular crowd required much encouragement. The energy was high. So, undoubtedly, were some of the fans. Of course they were. The first set was dynamite, ending with “Come Monday.”

The intermission was just long enough to wander through the crowd and find old friends. But I'll use that pause here for something else: to recognize the musicians who have stepped into new roles with the Coral Reefers since Jimmy's passing.

Mick Utley has taken over keyboards from his father, Michael Utley, who retired from touring after Jimmy's death. Mick isn't simply filling his father's seat. A singer, songwriter, and musician in his own right, he brings his own musicianship to the band while carrying forward one of its great family traditions.

Scotty Emerick has found his place with the Reefers as well. After years of songwriting and performing with Toby Keith and collaborating with Jimmy, he looks perfectly at home onstage beside Mac. And who doesn't love "Like My Dog", which Scotty co-wrote with Harley Allen and Jimmy recorded for his final album, "Equal Strain on All Parts?"

Then there is Will Kimbrough, whose music and songwriting I've followed for more than a decade. His songs tell their own stories of growing up in Alabama—perhaps one reason his work resonates with me, given my own family roots. "Willie Sugarcapps" from 2013 remains one of my favorite albums. His songs for and with Jimmy are particularly close to my heart. And "Bubbles Up" continues to bring Parrot Heads together, reminding us that we really can keep the party going.

This year, though, there is an empty place. We lost Robert Greenidge in June, the master of the steelpan whom Jimmy affectionately called Bobby G. Robert's extraordinary career extended far beyond the Coral Reefer Band; he helped carry the sound of Trinidad's steelpan around the world.

Stepping behind the pans to help keep that essential Caribbean sound alive is Robert's brother, Roger Greenidge—himself an accomplished musician and steelpan arranger with an impressive career of his own. And somehow, that feels right.

The tour is called *Keep the Party Going*, so after intermission, that's precisely what we did. The longtime Coral Reefers kept us standing and singing through the second set and a multi-song encore. Individually, these musicians bring enormous talent.

Together, they generate enough energy to rival an Atlantic storm. I can't speak for Pacific storms; I haven't done the fieldwork. There were musical moments that will stay with me.

Peter Mayer can capture the emotional essence of a song with his guitar, but when he and Will Kimbrough begin playing off one another, something different happens. It becomes part challenge, part conversation, part partnership—each listening and answering the other. The same thing happened between Roger Guth and Eric Darken. Two percussionists, different instruments and styles, listening and building on one another until the whole became something neither could create alone.

Nadirah Shakoor and Tina Gullickson bring the unmistakable Reeferette spark—the voices, movement, rhythm and sheer joy that have been part of this music for decades.

And then there is "Dangerous" Doyle Grisham, whose pedal steel has been woven into Buffett's music almost from the beginning. As the longest-serving Coral Reefer, Doyle gives these songs another kind of continuity—a sound that has traveled with them across more than five decades.

John Lovell's trumpet brings another essential sound. Without that horn, we lose some of the New Orleans swagger woven so deeply into Buffett's musical world. And Mac, of course, is the storyteller. He brings us back to Jimmy without leaving us there. That's important.

The stories honor where this music came from, but Mac also seems determined to point us toward wherever the next adventure might be.

And there is a reason I've saved Jim Mayer for last. For me, Jim's bass provides the touchstone and resonance beneath these songs. I listen for those bass notes—sometimes consciously, sometimes not—but I am always especially moved by the final chord of "Bubbles Up". Thank you, my dear friend, for that. And for the smile.

So, could the Coral Reefer Band top Zac Brown?

I've decided it was the wrong question. Zac Brown gave us an extraordinary celebration of Jimmy's legacy—a passing of the Tiki torch, perhaps.

The Coral Reefers gave us something different. They gave us continuity.

These are the musicians who stood beside Jimmy. They know where the songs came from. They know the jokes and stories and rhythms. They carry decades of friendships and memories with them onto that stage.

But they aren't simply preserving something in amber.

They're playing.

They're experimenting.

They're listening to one another.

They're bringing new musicians into the family.

They're remembering Bobby G.

They're remembering Jimmy.

And they're moving forward.

Maybe that is what Keep the Party Going really means. Not pretending that nothing has changed. Not trying to recreate something that can never be recreated. But carrying the joy forward. The Coral Reefer Band brought it.

Thank you, Reefers, for the music, the magic, the memories—and most of all, for the promise that there are still adventures ahead.

Keep the Party Going.

Send us your photos from August 8, 2026 – Coral Reefer Band concert



From the Office of the Treasurer

Hope this email finds you all doing well, enjoying the beautiful weather and foliage 🍁🍂🎃.
We look forward to seeing you at some of our gatherings that PHCoEM has for the 4th quarter!!
Here is the current status of our Treasure Chest for the 3rd quarter of 2026.

Beginning balance 06/26/26 for checking was: \$ 4,346.12

Total credits were: \$ 680.00

Total debits were: \$1,609.97

Ending balance as of 10/01/26 was,,,,,,,,,,,,,: \$ 3,416.15

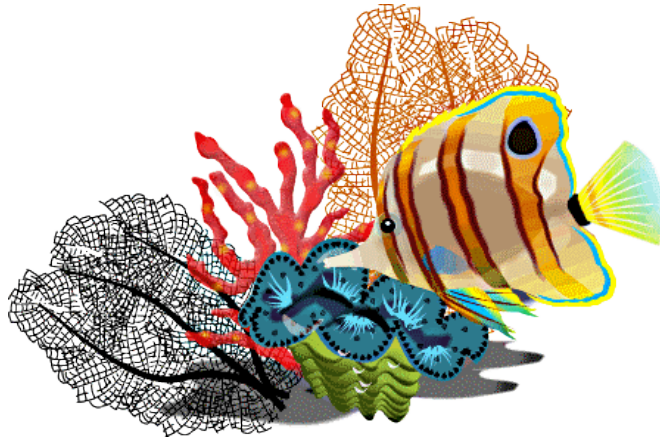
Our savings aka Phin fund balance is ,,,,,,,,,, \$ 525.08

**(This included \$.08 in interest and \$50.00 transfer from
our checking for this quarter.)**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Phins Up

Barbara "Babs" O'Connor, Treasurer



From the Office of the Membership

Hello PHCoEM Members.

Happy Fall! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer full of great adventures and that you enjoy all the events going on when you can.

If you do a volunteer event that you would like to share with our members PLEASE reach out to me or any of the board members so that we can add it to our calendar, we are all about volunteering.

Here's to an amazing Fall of fun that will be full of wonderful adventures.

Phins Up,

Sunshine (Karen Feldeisen)
Membership Director 2025-Present
Webmistress 2025-Present





***Happy Birthday to those completing
another Trip Around the Sun!***

<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
Bianca Holm - 1	Bill Leone - 13	Bob Murphy – 1
Paula Tobin - 1	Deb Courteau - 16	Travis Milliken – 2
John Duffill - 6	Tom Foxon – 19	Elena Pouliot - 19
Wendy Foxon - 10	Olivia Miller - 20	Odin Beck - 28
Babs O'Connor - 11	Marcia Ondeck - 20	Butch Derohes - 28
Donna “Mac” McCarthy – 13	David Geanakakis - 23	Vicki Pappas - 31
Frank Hartig - 14	Angela Gallant - 24	
Melissa Clark - 18		
Richard “AWR” Feldeisen - 23		
Jim Vail – 24		
Liz McCarthy - 31		





UPCOMING EVENTS – See [Event Page](#) for more info!

Thirsty Thursdays!

Thirsty Thursdays are at our usual locations usually
the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Info will be posted to our website and to our Facebook page!
We hope to see you all soon!!





Pumpkin Lasagna

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. dried sage
- 3 (15-oz.) cans pumpkin puree
- 2 Tbsp. pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp. grated fresh nutmeg
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large egg, beaten to blend
- 1 (15-oz.) container ricotta cheese
- 3 cups shredded Fontina, divided
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella, divided
- Cooking spray
- 1 lb. no-boil lasagna noodles

Directions

1. **Step 1** Preheat oven to 375°. In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until fragrant and softened, about 7 minutes. Add vinegar and cook, stirring, until mostly evaporated, about 4 minutes. Stir in sage. Add pumpkin, syrup, and nutmeg; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until warmed through, about 5 minutes.
2. **Step 2** In a medium bowl, stir egg, ricotta, 2 cups Fontina, and 2 cups mozzarella until combined.
3. **Step 3** Grease a 13" x 9" baking dish with cooking spray. Smear a thin layer of pumpkin mixture on bottom of prepared dish. Cover with about one-quarter of noodles. Top with one-third of cheese mixture. Spread one-third of remaining pumpkin mixture over cheese mixture, followed by a layer of noodles and another layer of cheese. Repeat one more time, then finish with remaining pumpkin mixture and a layer of noodles. Sprinkle noodles with remaining 1 cup Fontina and 1 cup mozzarella.
4. **Step 4** Cover dish with foil and bake lasagna 35 minutes. Uncover, increase oven temperature to 400°. Uncover dish and continue to bake until cheese on top is melted, about 20 minutes more. Let rest 5 minutes to set.





What did he/she say?!!

Take some of those and go lei people around the backside!

Woww. what is that desert? It's not desert it's a drink or I am just happy to see you!

Come on in waters warm? Really how come the blow ups are running for the stairs.

Only wet noodles floating round in this pool.

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PHCOEM Website page at www.phcoem.com

PHCOEM Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/56394897109>

Northeast Regional Parrot Head Convention Committee at: www.nerphc.org

