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VIEWS FROM THE VOLCANO'S TOP

Mike "Volcano" Sion – President

The view today is breathtaking! The leaves are changing colors and the ocean is a brilliant shade of turquoise. Many of the Islanders are gathering thoughts on what characters they will transform into for our Halloween Party. To me, this event is the most fun. The costumes always amaze me and the judges have their work cut out for them in choosing the top three costumes for prizes. There have been costumes such as 007, Shrek and Iona; Bush and Chaney; The Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood; and Red Hat Pirates. One year I tried to get arrested by a very beautiful lady officer. I can't wait to see what islanders come up with this year!

We have a new member chairing this event, Samantha Sion who, with Deanna Steggall the board of directors' liaison, will take this event to the next level of fun. The chairwoman asked what all do we need for this event, and I gave her some advice and said, "Don't worry. This club always comes together to make it happen."

If you look back at the history of our island we have always accomplished our goal. As I stated in my very first View, we come together and PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!!!! Our charity is Camp Courageous, and these folks are always very thankful. Be our donations big or small they praise our efforts to the highest level.

Come one, come all to help and to have fun. Send up smoke signals, beat the drums, and call all your phriends, phamily, and other pholks to gather at the Longbranch on Halloween night for another fun-filled fundraiser brought to you by your ISLE OF IOWA PARROT HEAD CLUB!!!



As the sunset fills the sky in a joyful, brilliant show, tomorrow will bring...

FROM THE EDITOR

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Contribute to the *Message From the Isle*

Any appropriate articles such as letters, reviews, recipes, Parrot Head related stories, and/or personal experiences, are welcomed and should be e-mailed to Sandy Young, Assistant Editor, at sandy@classicphotocr.com. Parrot Head related pictures are welcomed as well, and should be e-mailed to the Editor, Charlotte Bonar, at cbonar@russellsprinting.com.

Deadline for articles in the monthly newsletter will be the 15th of each month. Any articles received after this date will be used in the following month's newsletter.

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For more information on our international organization of Parrot Head clubs, please go to the Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. (PHiP) Web site at www.phip.com. You can read their quarterly newsletter, TradeWind Times, and be kept up-to-date on Parrot Head clubs across the country and internationally.

Pop N. Fresh

Author Unknown

Veteran Pillsbury spokesman Pop N. Fresh died yesterday of a severe yeast infection. He was 76. Fresh was buried in one of the largest funeral ceremonies in recent years. Dozens of celebrities turned out including: Aunt Jemima, Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, and the Hostess Twinkies.

The gravesite was piled high with flours and longtime friend, Aunt Jemima, delivered the eulogy, describing Fresh as a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded."

Fresh rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with many turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, squandering much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model for millions.

Fresh is survived by his second wife. They have two children and one in the oven. The funeral was held at 3:50 p.m. for about 20 minutes.

INFORMATION ON THE PHLOCK

It's Got a Good Beat

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **What:** One Particular Harbor
- **Where:** City Beat, 304 3rd Ave. SW, CR
- **When:** October 7, 2009
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

It's got a good beat for the Parrot Heads, so we're heading indoors in October for our One Particular Harbor, back to one of our old stompin' grounds - City Beat. The food selection is awesome (right Paula?) and they have a wide drink selection to please everyone. The City Beat welcomes kids until 9 p.m. when the kitchen closes, so bring them if you like.

One Particular Harbors are strictly social get-togethers where Parrot Heads can visit and relax in a casual atmosphere and get to know each other better. They start around 5:30 p.m. and officially go until 10 p.m., but please come whenever you can and stay as late as you want - dependent on when you have to be to work in the morning!

As always, the board welcomes any ideas you may have for a location for the One Particular Harbors, whether indoors or outdoors; but for now just indoors please. You may contact any board member with your ideas. The indoor establishment should be a place large enough to hold between 20-30 people and have food available as well as drinks.

U of I Homecoming Parade

Steve Robe

Fast Facts

- **Where:** Iowa City, IA
- **When:** October 9, 2009
- **Time:** Staging: 3 p.m. Parade: 5:30 p.m.

The Isle of Iowa will be participating in the University of Iowa Homecoming Parade this year. The parade is on Friday, October 9th at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Iowa City. The staging begins at 3:00. Please watch the Listserv for where the staging will be located and for further information on the parade. There is a meeting on Monday, Oct. 5th, and I should know more then.

Parking is available at the Greyhound bus terminal located at Dubuque and E. Court Streets. Parking there is free after 5 p.m. If people want to meet and walk together, I would recommend meeting on the Pedestrian Mall by the fountain.

We are registered to walk with NO PETS, and we will be using the same float we used in the Coralville 4th of July parade.

The following information is from 2007, but should be fairly accurate for this year.

- The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm;
- The parade will begin on Washington St at Gilbert St. It will travel westbound on Washington St to Clinton St, northbound on Clinton St to Jefferson St, eastbound on Jefferson St to Dubuque St, southbound on Dubuque St to Iowa Av, the UI Marching Band will proceed westbound on Iowa Av to the Pentacrest but the rest of the participants will travel eastbound on Iowa Av to Gilbert St where the parade ends.
- There will be an area set aside for handicapped seating along the west-side of 10 N Clinton St near Jefferson St.
- The reviewing stand will be located along 10 S Clinton St.

INFORMATION ON THE PHLOCK

Halloween Party

Mike "Volcano" Sion

Fast Facts

- **Where:** Longbranch Hotel,
90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
- **When:** October 31, 2009
- **Time:** Doors 7 p.m. Band: 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- **Band:** Milk and Honey

Thanks to all the Parrot Head volunteers who came through we are having a Halloween Party this year, right on the night of Halloween, October 31, 2009.

There is no silent auction, but there will be two or three large items we will be raffling off, plus 50/50 raffles which are always fun.

There will be a costume contest so start thinking about what you will be wearing. You may get some good ideas at the Goodwill Stores!

Our band is Milk and Honey and our charity will once again be Camp Courageous.

Watch the Listserve for further details. See you there!

Younkers' Community Day

Once again the Isle of Iowa will be participating in Younkers' Community Day, this time on Saturday, October 10, at Younkers Lindale. Community Day is a fundraising event for all 501c3 non-profits and school organizations. The event is designed to provide local non-profit organizations such as us with a fun and easy way to raise money for their organization. Since 1999 the event has raised over \$53 million.

Participating organizations sell coupon booklets to the public for \$5 each, keeping 100% of the proceeds. Each booklet contains coupons valid during Younkers' Community Day one day sale on October 10. With each \$5 coupon booklet purchase customers receive one \$10 coupon good toward any item of \$10 or more (exclusions apply) along with eight additional coupons, each good for up to 20% off one item (exclusions apply) - in addition to Younkers special one day sale prices.

It's a win/win situation! All you have to do is sell booklets on your own and in stores before and during the event. Please contact Mike Sion at 319-378-3641, or via e-mail at president@isleofiowa.com if you're interested.

This is one of the EASIEST ways for our club to make money, and also gives you something in return. Are you ready to participate?

Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean up

Doug Rassler

The fall clean up will take place on Sunday, October 18th from 10 a.m.-noon. We will meet at the BP gas station at the Swisher/ Shueyville exit #10 on I-380. We are cleaning both the north and southbound ditches, so we will need plenty of help. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately with long pants, sturdy shoes or boots, and gloves. Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Sign up sheets will be at the September and October One Particular Harbors and the September club meeting, or you can e-mail me at drassler@netins.net to volunteer.

REMINDERS

Membership Dues

Karen Mahannah - Membership Director

It's that time of year to be getting your checkbooks out for your membership renewal. October is the month that all of our membership fees are due. You can mail your checks to me, made out to the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club, at 501 30th Street S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403, and I'll update my list with you being paid. You can also give them to me at the monthly meeting on Thursday, October 15. Family memberships are \$35 and singles are \$25.

HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

10 Years Ago

Susan Freundt - Founder

October 1999

The second annual Island Fever Phlocking to benefit the Alzheimer's Association was held at Third Street Live! with the band St. Somewhere, from Knoxville, TN, performing on Saturday, October 2.

On October 3 the club took part in the annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. Battling early winter-like conditions and some lasting effects of the party the night before, Sue Gorecki, Ro and Jon Shramek, Mary Eagan, Lisa Reid, Jim and Suzy Kunce, Kevin and Lori Krezek, and Janice Reid raised \$3,584 and earned Top Team Honors. Janice Reid earned the honor of Top Individual Walker.

INFORMATION ON THE PHLOCK

It's Fish Bowl Time!

Sandy Young

Fast Facts

- **What:** October Monthly Meeting
- **Where:** D.C.'s River Walk, 411 1st St. SE, CR
- **When:** October 15, 2009
- **Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

If you've been to D.C.'s River Walk and had their Fish Bowls you know what we're talkin' about! If not, come to the monthly meeting to find out. Even our prez likes them.

The business portion of the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. - at least we're still trying to have it start then. Then we can party, party!

Our raffle charity for the quarter of October/November/December is the Linn County Veteran Affairs. For further information please check the Listserv as the meeting time gets closer.

We are continuing to take donations for Waypoint Services' two shelters - Madge Phillips Center for the Homeless and the Domestic Violence Shelter. They need plastic shopping bags, small food containers, and especially the non-perishable canned and boxed food. Please go to their Web site at www.waypointservices.org for an updated list of their needs.

Plus, we will have the Mini Mart run by Don and Deanna Steggall. You may contact Deanna "Diego" at secretary@isle-oiowa.com if you have any questions.

And, too, don't forget the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

Wow! We are busy! Please watch the Listserv for any updates.

Phlockin' Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Place
One Particular Harbor	10/7	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	City Beat, 304 3rd Ave. SW, CR
Newsletter Deadline	10/15		
Monthly Meeting	10/15	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	D.C.'s River Walk 411 First St. SE, CR
Board Meeting	10/20	6:30 p.m.	Longbranch Hotel Gold Zone Bar Area 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
Halloween Party	10/31	7:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Longbranch Hotel 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, CR
One Particular Harbor Picnic	11/4	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	TBD
MOTM	11/5-11/8		Key West, FL

Finding Ilo

By Bill Flanagan

So Jimmy Buffett walks into a bar...

This being Jimmy Buffett, the bar is on some remote corner of the map – in this case Cape Verde, the Portuguese archipelago off the coast of West Africa. Jimmy was touching down in his plane like Indiana Jones on his way from Puerto Rico to Bamako, Mali on the first part of a journey that would take him to Timbuktu, the Sahara Desert, Morocco, Ireland, and New York – an adventurer's holiday.

He was traveling with his longtime confederate Kino, Spock to Jimmy's Kirk, and four other friends – including MTV godfather Tom Freston and music legend Chris Blackwell, the man who produced "The Harder They Come," brought Bob Marley to the world, and whose Island Records gave a home to everyone from Cat Stevens to U2.

The travelers dropped their bags at a hotel and went off to look for food, liquor and music. They hit a few saloons and found great music everywhere. It was like Cape Verde was Beale Street, Memphis 1955 – everybody was a musician.

But even in this player's paradise, one young man stood out and knocked the world-weariness out of these music veterans. Ilo Ferreira was called onto the small stage at a local restaurant where everyone seemed to know everyone else. Ilo was young – looked like a college senior – and handsome. He showed quiet confidence as he picked up his guitar and adjusted his microphone. Then he started to play and sing and Buffett leaned forward. Ilo had the high, beautiful voice of the young Sam Cooke, effortless charisma, and a natural grace on the guitar. He sang what sounded like an old soul classic none of the visitors could place. Turned out Ilo wrote it. With every song he played, the excitement of Jimmy's crew grew. Where did this kid come from? Could he really be THIS good?

Now, when friends on vacation get together in a saloon to drink and gab, it's pretty common for big plans to be laid and big promises to be made. Bar talk very rarely gets beyond the bar. That night, Jimmy talked with Ilo and his band, even his father, about how good the young man was. Jimmy's companions imagined out loud bringing the kid to America and putting him in a real recording studio. Jimmy just asked Ilo if he would come to lunch the next day – and bring his guitar.

Ilo said sure, and the next day the visitors asked him to play again – in the sober light of day. When he finished they were even more excited. Blackwell and Freston agreed - Ilo really was THAT good. Jimmy and Ilo exchanged emails and phone numbers and promised to keep in touch. Jimmy said to his friends, "I'd really love to bring this fella to America and give him a shot. He's just great."

Now, here is where Jimmy Buffett is different from everybody else in the music business. He didn't forget that ambition when he got back to the States. He did not leave his enthusiasm behind when the plane took off. He stayed in touch with Ilo. He played a tape of Ilo's songs to big time record executives and producers. Other people saw what Jimmy had seen on that island off the coast of Africa. The kid had IT.

Jimmy arranged some studio time for Ilo in Nashville and hooked him up with a name producer who heard what Jimmy heard. Then Buffett got his big brainstorm. The first two weekends in September he was playing his biggest headlining shows ever to just under 60 thousand people a night at the New England Patriot's stadium outside of Boston. What if he brought Ilo over and put him on the show? How would it be for a young singer from Cape Verde to step out on stage with the Coral Reefer Band behind him and 60 thousand Parrot Heads in front of him? It would sure be a test of fire. If Ilo could get through that initiation, he really could become what Jimmy glimpsed for him.

The airline lost Ilo's clothes between Cape Verde and Boston. Ilo just smiled and said it was fine. He was good in t-shirt and jeans. Ilo was unflappable. Rehearsing with Jimmy and the band, he was open, quick to learn and a sharp listener. He did not seem to have any nerves about his big premiere. On the day of his US debut he climbed into the back seat of one of the vans caravanning from Boston to the stadium and promptly fell asleep. The kid was beyond cool. He had the confidence of a pro.

If anything looks bigger than a football stadium packed with fans, it's a football stadium when it's empty. Ilo wandered out of the van and into the empty arena. He said, "It's really big," as casually as a man looking at an elephant. Jimmy called him up to soundcheck. Jimmy's stage was about twice the size of the restaurant where Ilo played on Cape Verde. Would the kid be able to fill the space? That was a trick it took some performers years to learn. The road crew fitted tiny monitors into Ilo's ears. Jimmy started leading the band through one of Ilo's songs. Ilo swung his guitar behind his back like Johnny Cash, planted his feet like Bruce Springsteen, threw his head back and sang like Marvin Gaye.

Buffett just laughed. No problem.

Six hours later, after dark and half way through an ecstatic show, Jimmy told the crowd about meeting Ilo in Cape Verde and then asked his young friend to come out on stage. Ilo sang with Jimmy on a Buffett song, "My First Look," and then – to the surprise of the audience – stepped to the mike and did one of his own – "Let Me Love You" – while Jimmy slipped into the backing band. Women down front were dancing and waving at the charismatic stranger. Everybody got it. Ilo smiled, bowed and moved off-stage – where he studied the rest of the show from the wings like a talented young athlete watching an all star. Moments after singing to more people than he had ever seen in one place in his life, Ilo had demeanor of someone who knew he could go all the way, and was patient to figure out the requirements.

After the concert, Jimmy Buffett was jubilant. "How about Ilo?" he kept asking everyone. "He really pulled it off!"

Newspapers covering the concert wondered about the talented young singer Buffett had brought over from somewhere off the coast of Africa. What would happen next with the mysterious Ilo?

Ilo was on his way back to Cape Verde, with a ticket to meet Jimmy in Nashville in October. Time to get the kid in the studio. He played his first American show to sixty thousand people and acted as cool as if he were singing for his friends in a small room back home. Stardom is a mysterious thing – some people who deserve it never get it and some who don't seem to become famous anyway. You can never say for sure that someone is going to become a star.

But talent, that's something different. Talent makes itself known. Thanks to the guy who walked into the bar, Ilo Ferreira's talent was about to make itself undeniable.

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Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly board meetings are scheduled for the first **Tuesday** following the monthly membership meeting, and will start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

These Board meetings are open to all members, not just Board members. Come and join us as we discuss the business of our Club and plan upcoming events, etc. It's a great chance to help the club and to become more involved.

For the location of this month's board meeting, please see the Phlock calendar. Visit us online at: www.isleofiowa.com

Join the Listserv!

To join the Listserv, visit our Web site at www.isleofiowa.com and enter your e-mail address on the Listserv box found on the homepage. The Listserv is limited to club business and events only and is the fastest way of getting the latest information about the club, and to keep track of events' dates or changes.

Join the Coconet!

IsleofIowaCoconet@YahooGroups.com. This is the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club's open communications group for non-official discussions of club members. The only limitations of this group are no profanity, no defamation of character, no indecent photos or comments, and no illegal activity. Other than that, people are free to advertise, discuss non-club events, or whatever those members wish to communicate. Please keep in mind that common sense, kindness, and courtesy shall rule.

To join the Coconet, go to <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/isleofiowacoconet/> and sign up. The existing Isle of Iowa Listserv mentioned above will still be used, but limited to club business and events only please.

If you have questions about the Listserv or Coconet, contact the board President listed under Contact the Club in this newsletter.

October Birthdays

Linda Davenport - 3
Mary Murray - 4
Bryan Phillips - 8
Cindy Ek - 11
Daniela Goyer - 13
Cindy Ballew - 18
Gerald Ptacek - 18
Eric Gardner - 29

November Birthdays

Randy Bauman - 4
Diane Jamrock - 5
Paula Sion - 7
Dan Wall - 10
Troy Gardner - 17
John Young - 20
Rich Jamrock - 22
Diane Ford - 25

**Be sure and attend
the monthly meeting in
the month of your
birthday to get your free
birthday drink!**